

THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, May 5, 2018

(The House of Representatives was called to order at 11:30 o'clock a.m. Speaker Joe Aresimowicz in the Chair.)

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

[Gavel] Will the House please come to order. Will members, staff and guests please rise, direct your attention to the dais where Representative Borer will lead us in the prayer.

GUEST CHAPLAIN REPRESENTATIVE DPROMDA BORER:

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us in the midst of our struggles for consensus to work together with mutual respect as we create legislation that will benefit all of our citizens. Amen.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Amen.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you, madam. Thank you very much. And would the radio voice of the General Assembly please come up to the dais to lead us in the Pledge, Representative Byron of the 27th District.

REP. BYRON (27TH):

Just hand me the microphone. [Laughter] Good morning everybody.

(All) I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Is there any business in the Clerk's desk?

CLERK:

Yes, Mr. Speaker favorable reports, Senate Bills to be tabled for the Calendar.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Albis of the 99th.

REP. ALBIS (99TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that we waive the reading of the Senate Favorable Reports and the Bills be tabled for the Calendar immediately

Pursuant to House Rule 11G.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Without objection so ordered.

CLERK:

The last piece is the daily Calendar.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, sir. Are there any announcements or introductions? Representative Wilms of the 142nd, sir you have the floor.

REP. WILMS (142ND):

Good Morning, Mr. Speaker. I rise for purpose of an introduction.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Please proceed, sir.

REP. WILMS (142ND):

Thank you. With us here today in the Chamber right in front of me here is a constituent of mine. His name is Jordan Subone and he is job shadowing me today. He is a recent graduate of UConn majoring in history and he going to be going to Law School, William & Mary and so I would like everyone to just give him a warm welcome. [Applause]

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

I have to give you a lot of credit, sir for a beautiful Saturday to come up here to job shadow another fine representative is really cool so I wish you the best of luck in law school and hopefully we will see you back in the Chamber someday.

Representative Juleson-Scopino the 12th. You have the floor, madam.

REP. JULESON-SCOPINO (12TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for purposes of Personal Privilege, sir.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Please proceed.

REP. JULESON-SCOPINO (12TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I have one of my, well actually my favorite constituent here with me today, this is my daughter Zoey who has joined us for a few hours this morning and is very eager to get to her friend's birthday party this afternoon. So maybe she will be here taking my seat someday.
[Laughter/applause].

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Well it looks like she really wants the
microphone Madam so [Laughter].

REP. JULESON-SCOPINO (12TH):

[Child giggles]. Thank you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Zoey, are you going to enjoy your birthday
party this afternoon?

ZOEY:

Yeah.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Well you have a good time, thanks for visiting.

[Child laughter]

ZOEY:

Thank you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

You're welcome [Laughter]. Are there any other
announcements or introductions? Representative
Polletta. I think you're being urged to push your
button. You have some folks coming in with Senator
Berthel?

REP. POLLETTA (68TH):

Good morning, Mr. Speaker. For a minute I

thought you were reading my mind. With me this morning we have the Brass City Young Marines. They are right here in the Well of the House. Their local Command's Lead is Senator Eric Berthel from the 32nd district. With them of course comes an abundance of service. They have their other leaders here and the Brass City Young Marines, I believe is the First Chapter started in the State of Connecticut, right? And they're in terms of our District in Watertown. They've been involved with many projects. I know last year they cleaned up outside the VFW and they use the local VFW each and every Sunday night to meet and to do drills. So if the Chamber could just join me in giving them a very nice, warm welcome [Applause]. And if you could just indulge me for one minute we have a special birthday announcement to our young Marine Matt Berthel who is standing there in the front. He is a teenager today? Yep, wow! Okay and he is here on a Saturday [Applause]. And we have a few House Members, I know one sitting behind me Representative Rutigliano who is a former Young Marine so it is

certainly a great organization and it is great to have these young men and women with us today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, sir. Thanks for visiting our Chamber. [Applause] And Matt, it's your birthday? Happy Birthday, hope you have a good time, thanks for sharing your dad with us. I know sometimes he is not at home when you might want him to be but he is up here doing important business and we appreciate it. So thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

[Gavel] Will the Clerk please call House Calendar No. 75.

CLERK:

Connecticut General Assembly House of Representatives May 5, 2018, on Page 5 House Calendar 75, Substitute for H.B. No. 5209 AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PREMIUM RATE INCREASES. Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Real Estate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey you have the floor, sir.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Question before this Chamber is on Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill. Will you remark, sir?

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has an Amendment LCO 5294 and I would ask the Clerk to please call the Amendment and I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO 5294, which will be designated House Amendment "A".

CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule A - LC No. 5294 offered by Representative Currey, Representative Vail, et al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Representatives takes leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Is there any objection? Hearing none, Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker the Strike Call Amendment before you will provide a \$12.00 dollar surcharge on all home owners insurance policies with a 12 year sunset to be deposited into an established Healthy Homes Fund that will not only provide a slight piece of mind for homeowners with failing foundations but it will also aid in reducing health and safety hazards such as lead, radon and other house contaminants as well as provide relief to homes that are literally sinking in the City of New Haven. And I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Do you care to remark further? Representative Candelora. You have the floor, sir.

REP. CANDELORA (86TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I may, just a couple of questions for the proponent of the Amendment?

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Please proceed, sir.

REP. CANDELORA (86TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I understand what the underlying Amendment the intent of it us to do is essentially create a fund to address the issues of crumbling foundations that people are experiencing throughout the State of Connecticut. Could the good Representative tell me just how, what the dollar amounts are for this fund, how it is structured.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you.

Though you Mr. Speaker. Dedicated 85 percent of the funds moved into the Healthy Homes will be dedicated to the Crumbling Foundation Assistance Fund that will then provide the relief for the homeowners looking for remediation of repair efforts of their foundations. The remaining potion will go

to fund the home containment issues lead, radon as well as a portion for the sinking homes. Prior to the disbursement of funds for any of those three items there is also a money that will be used to fund a position over at the Insurance Department to take care of the remittance of the surcharge from the home insurance companies. Thank you.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Candelora.

REP. CANDELORA (86TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker is there, I guess is there a certain dollar amount per policy is the way this is structured?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is \$12.00 a policy.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Candelora.

REP. CANDELORA (86TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And has the insurance agencies signed off on this?

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There -- I currently believe there is no opposition.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Candelora.

REP. CANDELORA (86TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't have any further questions on this. I think obviously this is an issue we've been trying to deal with for the last couple of years. I have some reservations in how this is being structured and I just look forward to continued conversation on this matter. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further? Representative Ziobron, you have the floor madam.

REP. ZIOBRON (34TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker there is no fiscal note on the system for this Amendment. I would like to understand why that is.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

The Amendment was filed late last night and they haven't had a chance to put that together but I am happy to let you know that the fiscal note that we had received on prior version from OFA was roughly that it would bring in around \$9 million dollars for the \$12.00 dollar surcharge in addition to the position that is required at the Insurance Department that is covered through the monies that is collected through the \$12.00 dollars.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Ziobron.

REP. ZIOBRON (34TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I don't necessarily object to this legislation but I have to

call a Point of Order. I believe that nothing is legitimately before this Chamber until a fiscal note has been filed. I don't see a fiscal note on the system. If it is process I would ask that we be given a copy of it if we can't view it online please.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, madam. The Chamber will stand-at-ease.

Will the House please come back to order. Representative Ziobron, your Point of Order is well-taken. He is working on his fiscal note. Would you care to yield the floor to Representative Curry?

REP. ZIOBRON (34TH):

Yes I will, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, Madam. Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you Mr. Speaker. I move, I will withdraw the Amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

With no objection the Amendment is withdrawn.

Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Mr. Speaker, I move that we pass this item temporarily. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The item is passed temporarily. Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 149.

CLERK:

On Page 9, Calendar 149, House Bill No. 5321 AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTION. Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on General Law.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey you have the floor, sir.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The question before the Chamber is Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and

Passage of the Bill. Do you care to remark, sir?

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has an Amendment LCO 5339 and I'd ask that the Clerk please call the Amendment and that I be granted a Leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO No. 5339 which will be designated House Amendment "A".

CLERK:

House Amendment "A" LCO No. 5339 offered by Representative Currey.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Representative takes leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Is there any objection? Hearing none Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker the Amendment before you today includes updated language that adds the requirement questions and statements regarding concrete foundations to the Real Estate Property Disclosure Form buyers and sellers are

using during their real estate transactions. The preexisting questions on the form have been reorganized to create a more efficient and user friendly experience for buyers and sellers. No preexisting questions were removed. Additionally sections have been added to the Amendment that would allow the board members on the soon to be created private nonprofit captive insurance company, that is going to be overseeing the disbursement of funds to require them to recuse themselves should their application come before the board of directors and it also includes a piece to ensure that the private nonprofit captive insurance company is not considered to be performing any sort of governmental functions and it remains a private nonprofit captive insurance company and I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Do you care to remark further?
Representative Delnicki you have the floor.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a good Bill.
It actually provides an appropriate vehicle for the

dissemination of the funds done in a manner that makes sense and all the documentation that needs to be a portion of it and I urge my colleagues to support it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further on the Amendment before us? If not -- Representative O'Dea you have the floor, sir.

REP. O'DEA (125TH):

Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. Just a couple of brief questions to the proponent of the Bill if I may?

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Please proceed, sir.

REP. O'DEA (125TH):

The notification is going to be standard throughout the State, is that true?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative O'Dea.

REP. O'DEA (125TH):

And the notification language is what is
contained in the Bill?

Through you Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Through you Mr. Speaker. Yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative O'Dea.

REP. O'DEA (125TH):

I am trying -- thank you very much Mr. Speaker.
Just one last point on the disclosure, where does it
say with regard to the notification -- what line is
it that has the inspection language for crumbling
foundations.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey please prepare yourself.

REP. O'DEA (125TH):

If I may, Mr. Speaker I think it is Line 347.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Line 347.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. That is correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative O'Dea.

REP. O'DEA (125TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And my understanding is the cost for these inspections of the foundation are approximately \$1,000 dollars. Is that sound about right.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative O'Dea.

REP. O'DEA (125TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am going to go through the rest of this. I'm just trying to catch up but I'll listen to the discussion and make a decision. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Do you care to remark further? Representative Davis, you have the floor.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And good morning, still.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Good morning to you.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Mr. Speaker if I could, just a few questions to the proponent of the Amendment?

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Please proceed, sir.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

The language that is being changed here in the beginning of this Amendment deals with the

residential property disclosure form. Is that correct?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And through you, Mr. Speaker.

I notice that there is a few minor changes to the form.

And through you were these changes that have been discussed and through the cooperation with the Connecticut Relators Association and the Department of Consumer Protection?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Absolutely, yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And through you to the
proponent of the Bill.

Is it your understanding that this actually
helps streamline the form and correct past mistakes
that were included onto the Department of Consumer
Protections Disclosure Form?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker. Yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And through you.

Would the Residential Property Disclosure Form

now include specific questions about the type of foundation that is included in the building?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

In lines 275 through 279 address the question of any sort of testing or inspection done with the -
- related to the foundation.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And in this here, it also calls for a copy of the report if there is one.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Is there the opportunity to say that there isn't a report?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

On here they would only have to provide that if they actually had the inspection done.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and that is my understanding as well that they would be able to check off the "No" box if in fact there was no report included as well.

And through you, Mr. Speaker.

There was a minor change I think to the form that would clarify it for all homeowners across the State regarding the hot water or about what type of heating system they had and if so what type of fuel types. Is that change included in this Amendment?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I notice there is language here that would require that if this Amendment were to pass that after the disclosure forms are produced.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

[Gavel] We are having trouble hearing the questions of the debate. Can you please keep the volume to a minimum. If not, take your conversation outside of the Chamber? Thank you. Representative Davis you have the floor.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and it is my understanding that there is language I think Lines 375 to 379 that says that if a listing currently exists, if a relator is already listed this property provider their seller with the original condition report, one that is currently in use but that

condition report would still be able to be used throughout that transaction. Is that correct?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

And through your Mr. Speaker.

It also says that going forward once this new form is adopted by the Department of Consumer Protection and available on their website that they would have to use this new form within 30 days. Is that correct?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Ritter, you have the floor, sir.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I hope

Representative Davis has in mind yielding the floor and Representative Currey, if that is okay with them, we have a memorial service and we are a little off to kind of a tough start which means Amendments so we are going to clean everything up and come back after the memorial service to handle these Bills. So for this time I move that we pass on them temporarily. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Hearing no objection the Bill is passed temporary. [Gavel]

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

[Gavel]Ladies and gentlemen of the Chamber, staff we are prepared to do a Memorial for one of our former colleagues so I would ask that the doors prepare themselves for the Memorial. Members please take your seats. Especially our honored guests, we have members that are doing meetings and trying to get the budget done. We are trying to get them into the room. There is a lot going on today, so I truly apologize but folks will be coming in soon. We will just pause briefly. Representative Albis of the

99th.

REP. ALBIS (99TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that we suspend our rules for consideration of House Joint Resolution 171.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The question before the Chamber is on suspension of our rules for immediate consideration of House Joint Resolution 171. Without objection our rules are suspended. Representative Rebimbas of the 70th district, madam, you have the floor.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for this opportunity to have this memorial. Certainly Mr. Speaker I will defer then to the Clerk to read the Resolution and then I will comment thereafter.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, Madam. Will the Clerk please read the Resolution?

CLERK:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 171 LCO NO. 4836
INTRODUCED BY REP. ARESIMOWICZ, REP. RITTER, REP.

KLARIDES, REP. CANDELORA, SEN. LOONEY, SEN. DUFF,
SEN. FASANO, SEN. WITKOS, REP. REBIMBAS, REP.
LABRIOLA, SEN. LOGAN, SEN. HARTLEY. RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF KEVIN DELGOBBO.
Resolved by This Assembly:

WHEREAS, on Monday, July 3, 2017, the State of
Connecticut lost a distinguished former legislator
and longtime public servant, with the passing of
Kevin DelGobbo at the age of fifty-three; and

WHEREAS, Kevin was born on April 15, 1964, in
Oradell, New Jersey, the son of the late Nancy
(Avallone) Stiber and Joseph DelGobbo; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from The University of
Connecticut in 1986, where he earned a B.A. in
Political Science; and

WHEREAS, from a young age he had an interest in
politics and became a politician on both the local
and state levels; and

WHEREAS, he was an involved resident of the
borough of Naugatuck where he lived since 1976, and
served on several borough boards, including the
Board of Mayor and Burgesses and Board of Finance;

and

WHEREAS, from 1991 to 1994, he was executive director of the Connecticut Republican party; and

WHEREAS, from 1997 to 2009, Kevin was a state legislator for the 70th District, where he worked tirelessly on energy, telecommunications, water policy, long-term health care and state budget issues; and

WHEREAS, during his years as a legislator he was regarded by both sides of the aisle as an extremely hardworking, knowledgeable and effective legislator; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the General Assembly he served as ranking member of the Energy and Technology and Appropriations Committees and as member of many other committees, including Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Public Safety, Government Administration and Elections, Legislative Regulation Review, Legislative Program Review and Investigations and the Select Committee on Aging; and

WHEREAS, after his legislative service he

became a commissioner of the Department of Public Utility Control, from 2009 to 2012, and, in his first year, became chairman of the department; and

WHEREAS, he remained chairman until the department's transition into an agency under control of the newly created Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; and

WHEREAS, after serving as the Chief Executive Officer for the Waterbury Development Corporation, he became senior adviser to Waterbury Mayor Neil O'Leary for two years, until 2015; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Kevin became the Director of Revenue Requirements for Eversource Energy, where he was employed at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, Kevin was known for his dedicated and tireless service to his community, including, but not limited to, serving on Naugatuck YMCA's Board of Directors, as a corporator for Connecticut Community Care, Inc., as a board member for Naugatuck Ambulance, the Waterbury Symphony and the Naugatuck Day Care and as board president, board member and campaign chair for the United Way of Naugatuck and

Beacon Falls; and

WHEREAS, he was also a member of the Saint Mary's Foundation, Waterbury Housing Fund, Naugatuck Board of Finance, the Naugatuck Economic Development Corporation and Naugatuck Youth Services; and

WHEREAS, his many community and civic roles earned him multiple awards, including the Legislator of the Year Award, Van Allen Medal for Extraordinary Community Service, Mary Connolly Community Caring Award, Franklin Johnson Sr. Outstanding Citizenship Award, Lewis A. Dibble Sr. Award, Frederick D. Zonino Volunteer Award and Naugatuck Exchange Clubs Citizen of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed serving as a justice of the peace and united many couples in matrimony; and

WHEREAS, Kevin is survived by his father, W. Barry Stiber; his sister Christina Dwire and brother-in-law, Greg, his niece, Maggie and nephew, J.T.; his sister Cyndi Stiber and her husband, Rob Pollock; his uncle, Wendle Stiber; and his girlfriend, Sandy Lee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the

Connecticut General Assembly expresses its sincere sympathy and heartfelt condolences on the passing of a distinguished former legislator and longtime public servant, Kevin DelGobbo, whose death is a profound loss to his family and friends, to public service, to the Naugatuck community and to the people of the State of Connecticut; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the Senate and the House of Representatives cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to the family of Kevin DelGobbo as an expression of the high esteem and affection in which he is held.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you again, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker as we heard in the Resolution, Representative Kevin DelGobbo was a very dedicated family man and accomplished professional. I want to thank the Speaker and the Leaders for allowing this memorial to take place. I would like to take a moment to introduce Kevin's family that we have here in

attendance with us. If I can ask each one of you to rise when I introduce you, we have Kevin's dearest father Barry Stiber accompanied by his girlfriend. Also Kevin's sister Christian Dwire and her daughter, his niece Maggie. We also have his girlfriend here with us Sandy Lee and several very close friends of the family.

Mr. Speaker if I could take this opportunity to ask the Chamber to join the family and friends here in a moment of silence.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

I think that is completely appropriate. Would we all please stand and offer a moment of silence?
[Gavel].

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and if I can now have the video be played in honor and memory of Kevin DelGobbo. [Video plays] [Applause]

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Reyes of the 75th District.

REP. REYES (75TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to pay

tribute to a former colleague, one who I had the privilege of working with in the great city of Waterbury. I did not serve with the former Representative Mr. DelGobbo here from Naugatuck but he was an incredible person and a tremendously effective State Representative for his town of Naugatuck who truly cared for the wellbeing of the people he served. Though his district was solely Naugatuck Kevin has forever left a mark on the greater Waterbury Area. From his roles as a public spotlight in the City of Waterbury under the Mayor Neal O'Leary where he was his Chief Advisor and I had the privilege of working with him the entire time he was there and I found him to be a very brilliant, caring and sharing individual. And certainly nobody put in more hours than that man and I was really moved by his untimely death. I won't go into his experience in all the efforts that he did in Waterbury but I will leave it with saying that his absence clearly will be felt on the State of Connecticut, City of Waterbury and the Great Town of Naugatuck. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Orange of the 48th District, madam you have the floor.

REP. ORANGE (48TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker first of all I rise to offer my sympathies to the DelGobbo family and friends. Kevin and I came in here as classmates together and seriously there was no one better than Kevin DelGobbo. Kevin always had a smile on his face. If you were having a bad day he made it into a good day. Kevin worked with everyone. There was no this side of the aisle or that side of the aisle, it was we. We together can do this and he had a way of overcoming obstacles and working and compromising. He had a great deal of respect for each and every member of the Chamber and the process. He was just amazing. As a matter of fact he would always invite me to come down to Naugatuck to the Corner and I don't know if all of you know what the Corner is but I never did make it to the Corner although I did go down and spend, because we were friends, not only in the Chamber but

outside of the Chamber we were friends. And I just want to say that it is really a tragedy that we lost someone so valuable and as the video was playing I sat here and just cried. I loved Kevin. He was a great person and a great man. And as a matter of fact since most of the time we spend May here in the Chamber he would get up every year on May first to wish me a Happy Anniversary and he was so glad to spend it with me. So, Mr. Speaker in my heart and in my spirit Kevin DelGobbo will never be forgotten. Thank you, sir.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, Madam. Representative Reed of the 102nd, Madam, you have the floor.

REP. REED (102ND):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And In Sympathies to the family. I came in in 2009 and I'm House Chair of the Energy and Technology Committee now. And when I came in, became a member of the Committee, Kevin was already at the DPUC as a Commissioner and a few years later he became Chair of that Commission and he was so generous. He had an incredible

intellect, understanding of very difficult and opaque Committee, all the intricacies of the energy industry and the technology industry, the mechanics of all of it but he also understood the politics of it and he was incredibly generous, sharing his information and expertise with a brand-new legislator. Whenever he spoke before our Committee to testify it was always the smartest, best testimony we got on any subject. And just a remarkable, remarkable public servant and as Representative Orange said, generous across the aisle and always interested in solving the problem, you know, coming up with a solution and bringing everybody into that process. So again, incredible sympathies, but what a guy and thank you so much for sharing him with us and with the State of Connecticut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you, Madam. Representative Urban of the 43rd District. You have the floor, Madam.

REP. URBAN (43RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker when I

started my tenure in the General Assembly 18 years ago, I had the distinct pleasure of serving on Energy and Technology with Kevin DelGobbo. He had such a deep understanding of the incredibly complex issues around energy policy. We had so many spirited discussion about the structure of the energy markets and the impacts and often unintended and intended consequences of tinkering with those markets. Even when I no longer served on the Energy and Technology Committee we were always interacting and always talking about how complex the industry was becoming over and over and more and more. So, I really want to associate my remarks with my colleagues but also to say my deepest sympathies to the family.

Kevin DelGobbo was truly, truly a gentleman and a scholar and he left us far too soon. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, Madam. Representative Toni Walker of the 93rd District. Madam, you have the floor.

REP. WALKER (93RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all my condolences to the family. You have a young man who was an incredible State Representative. When I first came to the General Assembly I had the idea that we had to make a lot of changes for families, especially poor families in communities where they were struggling and I had a hard time understanding how do you express that to everybody here and one year, Representative DelGobbo and Senator Harp and I talked together because I was very frustrated because women who were having their children taken away from them in the Department of Children and Families because of their living facilities. And I couldn't understand why people were being punished for being poor. And he sat with me and he said, "I understand this, we can work this out." So the next year we put in money to help women who were struggling to keep their families together and it was a bipartisan, it was my first bipartisan effort to make sure that families were kept intact in the State of Connecticut where they wanted to and the

desires. And I was so proud of that because that was my first time understanding that no matter where we come from we understand that families are the most important thing. So to you, I thank you so much for sharing him with us. I thank you so much for giving us this opportunity to honor him because he was truly a great man. Thank you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, Madam. Representative Piscopo of the 76th District, sir you have the floor.

REP. PISCOPO (76TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My sympathy to the family. I loved Kevin DelGobbo. I just loved the man. I was proud to be one of his friends. I went to a lot of dinners with him, parties with him, went to many cities of this country with him, toured with him and he was just a lot of fun to be around. It was great to be in his company. Conversation was always very, just enlightening every time you talked to him. So he was just a great guy, a great guy to be around. But one thing I think I remember about

him mostly and this kind of exemplifies the kind of guy he was, whenever I was in trouble, whenever I had a tough Amendment I was introducing in a Committee he would be there for me. I would look over, he is there. He is sitting there. He'd chime right in, give me a hand or on the floor here if we're engaged in kind of a rough debate he would always kind of be on my side and be ready to help. He was always there for me whenever I needed him. Whenever I was in need and needed the help he was always there. So I always remember about that. He just revered this place. He just loved this Chamber and the people he worked with and he loved the policy. If we were up in one of the receptions that we go to every now and then here he would be nervous because he would be afraid he is missing some debate or missing a vote and he wouldn't be at ease. He'd always be worried that he had to get back down here whenever we were at one of the receptions and I remember that about him also. And thank you very much, Mr. Speaker for allowing us to do this and thank you and sympathy to the family, sincere

sympathy to the family.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, sir. Representative Zupkus of the 89th District, you have the floor, Madam.

REP. ZUPKUS (89TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My condolences to the family and we all know how wonderful Kevin is. I knew Kevin before I was up here and he is part of the reason I'm here. I did meet him at the Old Corner Café a couple of times and he was a really good friend of my husband's and myself and he would give me advice on running and what to do and some of his main advice was always be thankful for your volunteers and you team that helped you win. And when I won, he was one of the first phone calls to me congratulating me. And I just want to say my life is more full and more blessed to have him part of my life. Thank you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, Madam. We are joined by a few special guests in the Chamber, because of our

rules they can't speak but I do want to recognize them. We have Senator Logan sitting right next to Representative Rebimbas and joining me on the dais is former Representative Kernan who was a good friend of Kevin's so we wanted to make sure he was here, so he is sitting here to my left.

Representative Labriola of the 131st District.
Sir, you know have the floor.

REP LABRIOLA (131ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to express my sympathy to Kevin's family. He loved you so much. Kevin loved his friends so much and his dearest Sandy as well. I had the privilege of serving for six years with Kevin here in the General Assembly and as for his professional career he did a lot. It was listed in the Resolution. He did a lot before he served here and he did a lot after he served here for the people of Connecticut and for his community. But it was right here, in the House of Representatives, this is the place he loved.

I got to know Kevin 30 years ago in 1988 when I was the Republican Town Chairman of the Town

Committee in Naugatuck and Kevin ran for State Representative. He was unsuccessful that time and then he continued to stay active in Naugatuck and in various boards and commissions as enumerated. And then he ran again in 1996 and he worked so hard on that campaign and he was victorious. I remember that night when he got elected. He had tears of joy in his eyes. And do you remember he was so happy that night? It was a great night for Kevin. And he dug into this job. He hit the ground running and was so passionate about being a legislator and digging into the crafting of legislation and the law making that we do and he was so effective and so good at it.

To his family and friends here I want to thank you for sharing him with us. His impact will be felt in our hearts and up here at the Capital and back home for a long, long time to come. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you, sir. The Esteemed Minority Leader, Representative Klarides you have the floor, Madam.

REP KLARIDES (114TH):

I'm not going to get through this [Crying].
Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not going to repeat
what everybody said today because he was not just a
distinguished legislator he was a distinguished man.
Excuse me. A distinguished son, a distinguished
brother, a distinguished uncle, a distinguished
human being and in this crazy world we live in and
this crazy place we work in to find people that good
in this day and age, it's not easy. [Crying] We're
criers in my family. But to his family thank you
for giving him to us and we always say we're a
family in the House Republicans and in this Chamber
and he will always be a part of our family. God
bless him.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you, Madam. Representative Rebimbas of
the 70th District, you have the floor.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As everyone can
obviously see, as been stated by many already, Kevin
DelGobbo was a very dedicated individual who loved
his work and his family and his friends. One of the

earliest memories I have of Kevin was actually many, many years ago while I was in middle school. I was very fortunate to be in the same class as his sister Chrissy and I vividly remember and there is not many memories that I can actually recall from back then, but I vividly remember we were in the gymnasium and that day we were talking about local politics. Chrissy's brother Kevin was running for State Representative for the Republican Party and then there was the Democratic opponent. Another student in our class stood up and spoke on behalf of the Democrat individual and Chrissy stood up and talked about her brother with such passion and love that I am happy to report that in that straw poll it was Kevin DelGobbo that won [Laughter]. To have heard his name at such a young age and to be exposed to what Representatives do never, in my fondest thoughts or ideas, did I ever think that I would have the absolute honor and privilege to be serving the same District as this legend that we have.

So to the family and friends again, my deepest, deepest sympathies. As the good Minority Leader

said, this is an extension of a family that we truly, truly mourn and loved Kevin with you forever and he will forever live in our hearts and minds. And thank you Mr. Speaker, I certainly did want to acknowledge to a special guest of Senator Logan who represents Naugatuck as well having been here with us and I know that Senator Joan Hartley wanted to be here with us but couldn't make it. So again thank you for the opportunity for the Memorial. Thank you for the opportunity to share the legend.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, Madam.

To the family it is a profound loss. For the State of Connecticut the public service Kevin performed as you've heard will go down in history. But part of what I always believe, not only should we mourn but we should celebrate. And celebrating Kevin's life is natural. I first came in as a freshman and back in the old days freshmen used to watch and listen a lot more than they did anything else [Laughter]. So I would look over in the corner of the room and there was this coalition, it was

Representative Karnen, it was Len Green, it was Kevin. Larry wasn't the Minority Leader then. Larry was right in the mix. Then an energy bill or another bill would hit the floor and you'd hear Kevin's voice, he had that distinctive voice. As soon as he picked up the microphone you knew it was Kevin and you would look over and you'd get the railing passionate, stomping of the hand, "What are we doing," Terry Backer then would get up and go back and forth and less than five minutes later after we voted they would both be downstairs laughing about everything they just said and showing how much they really appreciate each other and the different viewpoints. That was Kevin. Kevin was about fighting in what he believed in but also knowing relationships were important and his love for people in general was his guiding principle. While it will leave a huge loss in all of our hearts, in your hearts specifically, the memories he that provided to you as individuals, to his family's to this Chamber, to this State will never fade away. So those holes in our hearts are filled with those

memories, please remember him. Please celebrate him and thank you very much for coming up today.

The Chamber will now stand-at-ease [Gavel].

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Chamber will come back to order [Gavel].

Representative Albis.

REP. ALBIS (99TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I move that we Suspend the Rules to immediately transmit House Joint Resolution 171 to the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Question before this Chamber is on Suspension of the Rules for immediate transmittal of the House Joint Resolution 171 to the Senate. Is there any objection? Hearing none, the Rules are suspended for that purpose. The House will stand-at-ease [Gavel].

CLERK:

House of Representatives will reconvene in two minutes, members to the Chamber. The House of Representatives will reconvene in two minutes, members to the Chamber.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

The Chamber will come back to order. Are there any announcements or introductions? Hearing none will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 366.

CLERK:

On Page 43, Calendar 366, Substitute House Joint Resolution No. 29 RESOLUTION GRANTING THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 53 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES. Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Conley of the 40th. Ma'am you have the floor.

REP. CONLEY (40TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Adoption of the Resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Question before the Chamber is on Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill. Representative Conley you continue to

have the floor.

REP. CONLEY (40TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is granting an extension of time for some claims that the Claims Commissioner has not been able to resolve yet. This was approved in a bipartisan way. The new Claims Commissioner did have a significant backlog so this is giving an extra year to resolve some of the backlog. I would move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Thank you. Will you remark further on the Bill? Will you remark further on the Bill? Representative Storms.

REP. STORMS (60TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A couple of questions for the proponent.

Through you, sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Please proceed, sir.

REP. STORMS (60TH):

Thank you. Representative Conley, good afternoon.

REP. CONLEY (40TH):

Good afternoon.

REP. STORMS (60TH):

Can you briefly describe the claims process for the Chamber's edification here please?

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Conley.

REP. CONLEY (40TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Claims that folks have against the State of Connecticut where the State has sovereign immunity they need to file with the Claims Commissioner and if the Claims Commissioner feels that sovereign immunity should be lifted he or she has two years to resolve that claim either lifting sovereign immunity letting the claim go to civil court or saying that the State does have sovereign immunity.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Storms.

REP. STORMS (60TH):

Thank you. Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative Conley, how long after filing

does the Claim Commissioner have to resolve or
dispose of a filed claim.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Conley.

REP. CONLEY (40TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Two years.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Storms.

REP. STORMS (60TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Through you.

Representative Conley can you explain why we
are presented with so many extensions this year?

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Conley.

REP. CONLEY (40TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

We did have a new Claims Commissioner who had a
significant backlog so that is why we have a number
of extensions this year.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Storms.

REP. STORMS (60TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And how long again I think, you mentioned it but how long is the extension being requested.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Conley.

REP. CONLEY (40TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

One year for the extension.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Representative Storms.

REP. STORMS (60TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker having reviewed the Resolution and the underlying request from the Claims Commission with Representative Conley as part of the Judiciary as Claims Committee I have -- I would support the Resolution and I will be supporting the Resolution as requested by the Claims Commissioner. I urge my colleagues to do the same by voting yes for this Resolution. I do so however hope that the Claims Commissioner will dispose of these claims on a priority basis. These

claims have been pending for a long extended period of time and they need to be expedited at this point.

Thank you, sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you remark further on the Resolution? Will you remark further on the Resolution? If not staff and guests come to the well of the House. Will the members please take your seats, the machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by role, members to the Chamber. The House of Representatives is voting by role, members to the Chamber.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN (139TH):

Have all members voted? Please check the board to ensure that your vote has been properly cast. If all members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution 366

Total number Voting	131
Necessary for Passage	66
Those voting Yea	131
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	19

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

The Resolution is adopted. [Gavel] Are there any announcements or introductions?

Representative Ackert you have the floor, sir.

REP. ACKERT (8TH):

I'd like to be voted in affirmative on the last vote, sir. I was waving but I couldn't get in time so please if you could, find the affirmative.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

The transcript will note you voted affirmative, thank you, sir. Representative Devlin you have the floor, Madam.

REP. DEVLIN (134TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to request to be cast affirmative vote in the last vote. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

The transcript will be noted. Representative Ritter.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Given the fact that it is Saturday, we are going to close the machine a little sooner than normal particularly on the last five. We have five claims to do right now, they should go very, very, very quickly so if we can stay close we can get these done and move to Bills that may take a little more time to debate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Will the Clerk please call Calendar No 367.

CLERK:

On Page 43, Calendar 367 House Joint Resolution No 34, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO DISMISS THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF LISA "LEE" WHITNUM BAKER.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Conley you have the floor, Madam.

REP. CONLEY (40TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move Acceptance of

the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Adoption of the Resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

The question before the Chamber is on Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Adoption of the Resolution. Please proceed, Madam.

REP. CONLEY (40TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is again confirming the Claims Commissioner's dismissal of the claim. This was a unanimous vote by Committee. I would urge vote in the affirmative.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Thank you, Madam. Would you care to remark further on the Resolution before us? Representative Storms.

REP. STORMS (60TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Based on a full review of this matter as indicated by Representative Conley, I believe that the Claims Commissioner correctly applies the principles of sovereign immunity in this case. I support the Claims

Commissioner's denial and believe that there is no justification for overturning this decision and would ask my colleagues to support this Resolution by voting yes. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Thank you, sir. Do you care to remark further? Care to remark further? If not staff and guests come to the Well of the House and members please take your seats. The machine will be open [Ringing].

Have all members voted? If all members have voted. If all members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will announce the tally.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally?

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution 34

Total number Voting	131
Necessary for Passage	66
Those voting Yea	131
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	19

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

The Resolution is adopted. [Gavel]

Representative Ritter you have the floor, sir.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have four claims left. If everybody could stay very, very close to the Chamber it will help us get out of here a lot earlier today. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Ryan for what purpose do you rise?

REP. RYAN (139TH):

Mr. Speaker I would like to note that my last vote would have been in the affirmative.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Transcript will so note. Representative Storms you have the floor, sir. You have the floor, sir. All right, we'll return to the Call of the Calendar. Would the Clerk please call Calendar No. 368?

CLERK:

Page 43, Calendar 368, House Joint Resolution
Number 77 RESOLUTION GRANTING THE CLAIMS
COMMISSIONER AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO DISPOSE OF THE

CLAIM OF ROBERT AND LINDA MACDONALD. Favorable
report of Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Conley you have the floor,
Madam.

REP. CONLEY (40TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move Acceptance of
the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage
of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

The question before the Chamber is on the
subjection of Joint Committee's Favorable Report and
passage of the resolution. Will you remark?

REP. CONLEY (40TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is very similar
to the first extension we did, it is just granting
an extra one year extension on some claims that were
backlogged.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Thank you, Madam. Representative Storms you
have the floor, sir.

REP. STORMS (60TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Having reviewed this Resolution with Representative Conley and for the reasons provided previously with regard to our backlog of cases, I will be supporting the Resolution for the extension of time as requested by the Claims Commissioner and I urge my colleagues to do the same by voting yes on this Resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Thank you, sir. Do you care to remark further? If not, staff and guests please come to the well of House and members please take your seats, the machine will be open [Ringing].

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by role, members to the Chamber. The House of Representatives is voting by role, members to the Chamber.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Have all members voted. Please check the board to ensure that your vote has been properly cast. If all members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution 77

Total number Voting	134
Necessary for Passage	68
Those voting Yea	134
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	16

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Resolution is adopted. Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 369.

CLERK:

Page 43, Calendar 369 House Joint Resolution No. 78 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO DISMISS THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF JOANNE KENNEY, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF MATTHEW KENNEY. Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Conley you have the floor,
Madam.

REP. CONLEY (40TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move Acceptance to the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage

of the Resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Question before the Chamber is on Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Adoption of the Resolution. Would you care to remark?

REP. CONLEY (40TH):

The Committee does not the tragic nature of this collision however, did not find a compelling State interest to overturn the Claims Commissioners decision and denial of the claim.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, madam. Representative Storms you have the floor, sir.

REP. STORMS (60TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would confirm that this was a very, very tragic event. The underlying facts of this matter was by far the most difficult for the Claims Committee in the two years that we've working this project but we gave this - we gave this case significant review and significant discussion. However after that extensive review sir, I believe that the Claims Commissioner correctly applied the

doctrine of sovereign immunity and would support the Claims Commissioner's decision to deny the claim at this point believing that there is no legal justification for overturning the Claims Commissioner's decision. Therefor I will be supporting the resolution of the decision of the Claims Commissioner do dismiss the underlying claim and I urge my colleagues in the Chamber to vote to support this Resolution by voting yes to this. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Zupkus you have the floor, Madam.

REP. ZUPKUS (89TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker this is a very tragic case. This is a case of 13-year-old boy that was riding his bike and a gentleman

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

[Gavel] Can you please keep your voices down, we cannot hear the gentelady speaking. Please procced, Madam.

REP. ZUPKUS (89TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I was saying, it is a very tragic case. A 13-year-old boy was riding his bike down a road and a man who has had quite a few DUIs and his license taken away passed in a no passing zone at a speed limit that was I believe like 40 miles an hour and he was doing well, well above that, passed in a no passing zone and killed this kid on his bicycle. So I do ask my colleagues to support this. This gentleman was given his license back time, and time again and time again after all these DUIs. So yes, it is a tragic case and I do ask my colleagues to vote against this. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, Madam. Representative Ziobron you have the floor, Madam.

REP. ZIOBRON (34TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to align my comments with that of my good friend and colleague Representative Zupkus. I think this is an example of having laws on the books, not enforcing them and this is what happens because we are not

enforcing the laws we already have. This tragedy could have been prevented if this person had had the ability to be accountable for his previous crimes and a young boy's life was lost because he wasn't held accountable for those crimes and I stand with Representative Zupkus and I will be voting against this Resolution. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, Madam. Will you remark further?
Representative O'Dea you have the floor, sir.

REP. O'DEA (125TH):

I hate to rise. I wasn't going to speak on this. It is a terrible tragic story but I had to disagree with my good friends behind me on the same side of the aisle on this but although it is tragedy the State wasn't the proximate cause of this and it was a very, very said cases but at the end of the day the Claims Commissioner went by the law and all of the facts are tragic, the law is the claim should have been dismissed. So I respectfully and regretfully disagree with my good friends behind me but I would ask people to confirm the Claims

Commissioner decision. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Zupkus for the second time.

REP. ZUPKUS (89TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to clarify cause I think I said support it, I was confused. I would ask my colleagues to vote no. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you for the clarification, Madam. Representative Stafstrom you have the floor, sir.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I just want to align my comments with those of Representative O'Dea's. Certainly this is a tragic, tragic event and story but the way we look at the claims process here in the State is first we have to realize that when we do agree to allow someone to sue the State we are waiving sovereign immunity we are exposing the State to liability. In addition to

that there was a significant passage of time between the reinstatement of the license here and the accident in question.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

[Gavel] For the second time can we keep the voices down please or take your conversation outside of the Chamber. [Gavel] Representative Stafstrom please proceed.

REP. STAFSTROM (129TH):

In addition to those considerations we must remember that the Claims Commissioner is a delegation of our legislative authority to do a review of these claims. The Claims Commissioner is the person who has the full file, researches the law in depth, has a hearing if it is necessary and makes a decision. Generally we grant significant, significant deference to the Claims Commissioner and absent some sort of compelling reason we should uphold the decision of the Claims Commissioner. So I would respectfully ask my colleagues to vote green on this and to confirm the dismissal of the Claims Commissioner. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Care to remark further? If not, staff and guests please come to the well of the House and members please take your seat. The machine will be open [Ringing].

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by role, members to the Chamber. The House of Representatives is voting by role, members to the Chamber.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Have all members voted? Please check the board to ensure that your vote has been properly cast. Pick up the pace, pick up the pace. The machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally?

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution 78

Total number Voting	135
Necessary for Passage	68
Those voting Yea	77
Those voting Nay	58

Those absent and not voting 15

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Resolution is adopted [Gavel]. Would the Clerk please call Calendar No. 370.

CLERK:

House Calendar 370, Substitute House Joint Resolution No. 92. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 53 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES. Favorable Report of Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Conley you have the floor, Madam.

REP. CONLEY (40TH):

Thank you Mr. Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The question before this Chamber is Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Adoption of the Resolution. Would you care to

remark?

REP. CONLEY (40TH):

This resolution has multiple claims, a variety of claims where the Claims Commissioner has determined that there was no equitable circumstance to waive sovereign immunity. So there's multiple claims in here that the Committee has all voted unanimously to deny and folks did not come before us as the Committee to speak on their claims. I would urge pressing the green button on these.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Thank you, Madam.
Representative Storms you have the floor.

REP. STORMS (60TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again based on a review of these matters I believe that the Claims Commissioner correctly applied the principles of sovereign immunity. I would ask my colleagues to vote yes on this and to confirm the denial by the Commission. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Care to remark further? If

not staff and guests please come to the well of the House and member please takes your seat. The machine will be opened [Ringing].

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by role, members to the Chamber. The House of Representatives is voting by role, members to the Chamber.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Have all members voted? Please check the board to ensure that your vote has been properly cast. If all members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally?

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution 92

Total number Voting	135
Necessary for Passage	68
Those voting Yea	135
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	15

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Resolution is adopted [Gavel].

Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 371.

CLERK:

On Page 44, Calendar 371 House Joint Resolution 130. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION TO THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO DENY THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF RAFAEL MUNOZ VELEZ. Favorable Report of Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Conley you have the floor,
Madam.

REP. CONLEY (40TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and Adoption of the Resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Question before this Chamber is on the Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and adoption of the Resolution. Will you care to remark Madam?

REP. CONLEY (40TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Committee has also

voted unanimously in this matter supporting the Claims Commissioner who found that the claimant engaged in inherently dangerous activity at the time of his injury. I would urge supporting the Claims Commissioner's decision.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, Madam. Representative Storms.

REP. STORMS (60TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once again based on the review of this matter by the Claims Committee, myself and Representative Conley I believe that the Claims Commissioner correctly applied the principles of and doctrine of sovereign immunity. I would ask the Chamber to vote yes and confirm the denial at this time. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further? If not, staff and guests please come to the well of the House and members please take your seats. The machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by role,

members to the Chamber. The House of Representatives is voting by role, members to the Chamber.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Have all members voted? Have all members voted? Please check the board to ensure that your vote has been properly cast. If all members have voted the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution 130

Total number Voting	136
Necessary for Passage	69
Those voting Yea	135
Those voting Nay	1
Those absent and not voting	14

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Resolution is adopted [Gavel].

Representative Storms you have the floor, sir.

REP. STORMS (60TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a Point of

Personal Privilege.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Please proceed, sir.

REP. STORMS (60TH):

Thank you. Mr. Speaker on behalf of Representative Conley and myself as the Claims Committee for the Judiciary the last couple of years we truly want to thank the staff of the Judiciary Committee including our Administrator Deborah Blanchard for all of the work that they did preparing the summaries and preparing the cases for our review. As you know sir, we could not do anything in this Chamber without good staff and dedicated core staff. We also would like to thank the leadership of the Judiciary for the honor of serving as the Claims Committee. It's truly been one of my most interesting parts of being a legislator and I can assure you Mr. Speaker that they may not know when but they will know why if I get the opportunity to give back to the leadership this great honor. But anyway, I thank you for allowing us this opportunity to serve.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Definitely we have the greatest staff. Representative Albis. You have the floor, sir.

REP. ALBIS (99TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that we suspend the Rules for Immediate Consideration of House Calendar 528.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Is there any objections for suspension of the rules? Hearing none, the rules are suspended. Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 528.

CLERK:

House Calendar 528 Substitute Senate Bill No. 463 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE NEEDS OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY. Favorable Report of Joint Standing Committee on Public Health.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Steinberg you have the floor, sir.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Good afternoon Mr. Speaker. I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The question before the Chamber is on Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill. Will you care to remark, sir?

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Yes thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased that we are here today to talk about a pressing need here in the State of Connecticut. As all of us know because of the budget cuts we've had over the years we've been unable to sufficiently fund programs for persons with intellectual disabilities. This is particularly problematic in the area of housing, appropriate housing. What this bill seeks to do with all due difference to the good work that DDS has done in the past is to enable greater innovation and creativity in creating more effective and cost efficient means my which we can take care of people with persons with intellectual disabilities in the

community and the Bill that we have before us calls for a study whereby interested parties and DDS would look at alternative models that could represent big savings.

Before I move any further, so Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has an Amendment which, I just need to find the number, LCO 5049. I would ask the Clerk to please call the Amendment and then I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Would the Clerk please call LCO No. 5049 which is previously designed House Senate Amendment "A".

CLERK:

Senate Amendment Schedule "A" LCO No. 5049 offered by Senator Gerratana, Senator Summers et al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Representative seeks leave from the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Is there any objection? Hearing none Representative Steinberg you have the floor, sir.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know some people

will be sorry, particularly Representative Belsito but the Amendment is a strike call which eliminates the study and the accompanying fiscal note and instead requires the DDS to do three pilot programs to accomplish much of the same ends within available appropriations. Again DDS looks at these things but this gives them the opportunity, enables them to focus on programs that are being done in other states, models that are far more cost effective and we're confident that given this kind of focuses opportunity we're going to end up with the ability to both protect people, persons with intellectual disabilities but also expand the number of people we can serve which is really critical element of all this. So, I move passage of the Amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Move Adoption?

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Adoption works too.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. The question is on Adoption of said Amendment "A". Would you care to remark

further? Representative Ferraro you have the floor,
sir.

REP. FERRARO (117TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I rise in support
of the Amendment. It's obvious that we need to know
what we can do to help this particular group or this
particular population. They can't help themselves
and so it is our responsibility and I am happy to
see that it has been moved from a study to a focus
and been given over to DPS so that they can actually
do what they are contracted to do. So appreciation
for the Amendment and I rise in strong support on
it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Would you care to remark
further on the Amendment? Representative Case you
have the floor, sir. Representative Betts you have
the floor, sir.

REP. BETTS (78TH):

Thank you very much, sir. Just briefly I want
to rise to agree with the Chairman's comments about
this. I think it is a very effective one. It has

been bipartisan. All parties and stakeholders are impacted by this are very supportive of this and it clearly is going to be moving us in a great direction and I encourage members to support this. Thank you very much.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Abercrombie you have the floor, Madam.

REP. ABERCROMBIE (83RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I rise in support of this proposal before us and I think what is really important about this is what we are looking at is repurposing dollars. We are not talking about any new dollars at this point. You know we have a lot of pilot programs that are going on right now through the Arcs which are fabulous. We need to share what is going on so that we can continue to do that and take our dollars and use them more wisely. I hope all my colleagues will support this legislation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, Madam. Representative Belsito you

have the floor, sir.

REP. BELSITO (53RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have to commend the proponent of the Bill because we are finally waking up to stop the studies. All we have to do is look around and look into other states and other areas and we can find solutions to what we need. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Case you have the floor, sir.

REP. CASE (63RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sorry for the confusion I let my ranking member go. I just wanted to say in high support of this legislation it has been a real group effort of many groups in this building both Arc, Families First and many other colleagues trying to get this legislation forward. It works to help save the Connecticut money but also get more people services. I urge my colleagues to support this Amendment and the underlying Bill when it comes forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Lavielle you have the floor, madam.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I want to rise briefly in very strong support of this Bill. I was at Star, Inc. which is a very prominent organization that serves people with intellectual disabilities and their families a couple of weeks ago in my district and everyone was clamoring for this Bill. A lot of people have been on that list waiting for years. A lot of people have been given a service they didn't ask for and isn't appropriate for them and it is really time that we do something like this. And like Representative Abercrombie said it is really repurposing our resources. So I hope everyone will support the Bill. Thank you.

Amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you. Representative Staneski you have the floor, madam.

REP. STANESKI (119TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Good afternoon.

REP. STANESKI (119TH):

I will say that I am supporting this. I am a little disappointed though I know Representative Belsito would not like to hear this that the taskforce is actually not going to part of this because I know there is a group Connecticut DDS Families First that was looking at a taskforce that actually would help us address this issue.

But I do have one question through you to the proponent of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Please proceed, madam.

REP. STANESKI (119TH):

Thank you, sir. When we stay within available appropriations we are looking at setting up a pilot that will evaluate the separate models. Have we -- has there been any talk, I know it is within appropriations, has there been any talk about how much this would cost if it was appropriated.

Through you, sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think the key aspect of this is that DDS already does this kind of work. This is going to simply prioritize. I can't tell you on a dollars and cents basis exactly how much they have applied to this in the past. The most important thing there has been a dialogue between the community and DDS and a real agreement on how to go forward in this process and we would not be recommending this if we weren't confident that DDS will be able to accomplish what it needs to do within their available appropriations. And I should also add just to correct the record there is still a taskforce framework in place, it is just the study that is no longer part of this particular piece of legislation.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Staneski.

REP. STANESKI (119TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the good Chair for that clarification. When you are reading through it quickly you may miss a word or two and I do appreciate that this is a reprioritization of available funds and resources. So thank you so much for the time and I would just like to point out that there are a group up in the gallery that I appreciate that leadership has brought this forward early so that they could go on with their day and I appreciate the work that my good ranking member and the Chairs of this Committee have done around this. Thank you, sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, madam. Representative McCarty you have the floor, madam.

REP. MCCARTY (38TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just very briefly I rise in very strong support of this Amendment establishing pilot program to see what supports are needed I think will go a long way in improving services for our individuals with disability and I

will be anxious to receive the reports from the pilot program. So thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, madam? Would you care to remark further on the Amendment before us? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor signify by saying "Aye".

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Those opposed, "Nay". The Amendment is adopted. [Gavel]

Would you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Representative Steinberg you have the floor, sir.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased that the Amendment was adopted. I just want to thank DDS and the Community Arc and the other organizations for working collaboratively to come up with a better solution. This is the way it is supposed to work and I really hope that sooner or later we will be

able to serve more people with intellectual disabilities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further on the Bill as Amended? If not staff and guests please come to the well of the House and members please take your seat the machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll, members to the Chamber. The House of Representatives is voting by role, members to the Chamber.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Have all members voted? Please check the boards to ensure that your vote has been properly cast. If all members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally?

CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 463 as amended by Senate "A" in concurrence with the Senate

Total number Voting	138
Necessary for Passage	70
Those voting Yea	138
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	12

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Bill passes as amended in concurrence with the Senate. [Gavel]

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Would the Clerk please call Calendar No. 218.

CLERK:

On Page 15, House Calendar 218 Substitute House Bill No. 5490 AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER CREDIT LICENSES.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Lesser you have the floor, sir.

REP. LESSER (100TH):

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I move Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Question before the Chamber is on Acceptance of

the Joint Favorable Report and passage of the Bill.

Would you care to remark, sir?

REP. LESSER (100TH):

Yes, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker the Clerk is in possession of an Amendment LCO 5276. I ask that the Clerk please call the Amendment and I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO No. 5276 which will be designated House Amendment "A".

CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule "A" LCO No. 5276 offered by Representative Lesser, Senator Martin, et al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Representative asks leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Are there any objections? Hearing none, Representative Lesser do you care to remark?

REP. LESSER (100TH):

Yes, thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker this is a Strike-All Amendment but it generally conforms

to the Bill that was JF'ed from the Banking Committee and so with the Chamber's indulgence I would prefer to talk briefly about some of the major changes in the Strike-All and then assuming that the Amendment is Adopted then speak to the content of the underlying Bill.

So the major changes in the Strike-All is it removes some language that LCO deemed problematic governing regulation and licensure of office outside the United States. It removes a study and provides some changes regarding sales finance companies and also make some changes regarding money transmitter advertising in the MLS listing. It changes a 60-day requirement to a 30-day requirement for control person notification and makes various other changes. Mr. Speaker, I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Question is on adoption of House Amendment Schedule "A". Would you care to remark?

Representative Simanski you have the floor, sir.

REP. SIMANSKI (62ND):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Chairman did a

great job in summarizing the changes that were made in this Strike-All Amendment and of course when a Bill starts out 272 pages long, you look to find some many technical changes that have to be made aside from the changes the Chairman explained. So I would urge all my colleagues to agree and adopt this Resolution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further on the Amendment? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor signify by saying "Aye."

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Those against, "Nay."

REPRESENTATIVES:

Nay.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Amendment is adopted. [Gavel] Will you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? Representative Lesser you have the floor, sir.

REP. LESSER (100TH):

Yes, thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker what we have before us is a rewrite of Chapter 36a of our General Statutes which is our Consumer Credit Statutes. What our Consumer Credit Statutes, they cover the State's regulations of a whole litany of different areas of financial practice from student loan servicers to mortgage servicers, mortgage loan originators, check cashers, debt negotiators, lead generators, money transmitters, debt collectors.

Mr. Speaker when you go out from this building and you talk to people in your Stop & Shop or your Dunkin Donuts when you talk to people you will find that too many people around this country whether they are on the right or the left feel that the financial system in this country is rigged against ordinary people. This was a common discussion in the 2016 election. We heard it from Bernie Sanders, we heard it from Donald Trump and I gotta say that in many states, in many parts of the country on the federal level to a large extent those folks are right. But in Connecticut we've gone in a different direction. We have in the last few years, we have

worked to strengthen laws against predatory lenders. We've worked to ban payday lending. We've worked to crack down on debt collectors. We've worked to strengthen laws. We were the first state to pass regulations protecting student loans borrowers passing the Student Loan Bill of Rights. And Mr. Speaker as the federal government retreats from the commitment it made in establishing the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Connecticut has moved forward with common sense consumer protections to give ordinary working people a fair shot in the economy that we have here today.

So, Mr. Speaker this Bill what it does it goes, it take a lookback at many of the laws we passed over the last few years, makes sure that they are in harmony with each other. We extend the powers of the Department of Banking and we make them harmonious across multiple different license types. We also reduce regulatory burden by making sure that as we move away from paper licensing into a system in which record keeping and reporting is done on-line via the MNLS System that is reflected in our

Statutes. This is a strong, proud, pro-consumer bill that will strengthen Connecticut's economy, protect consumers and ensure that Connecticut does our part to protect families in the economy we have today. Mr. Speaker, I urge passage.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further on the Bill as Amended? Representative Simanski you have the floor, sir.

REP. SIMANSKI (62ND):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Chairman did a good job in explaining what this bill does. It is definitely pro-consumer but I would be remiss if I didn't thank Matt Smith from the Commissioner's Office because this was a huge, monumental aircraft carrier and he knew from day one we would be concerned about the various provisions. So I just wanted to share with the Chamber from day one he came up with a really good chart to help explain all the various things that we need to look at and it made it a lot easier for us to review it and to understand what was going on. I would also like to

comment that even though it's got some minor and technical changes it did put into effect in statutory language some of the things the Commissioner was already doing -- what we considered minor and technical changes we found out had some major impact on some stakeholders. So again I commend the Commissioner's Office for working very closely and getting the parties together. At the end of the day not everyone was happy but everyone agreed that the compromises we enacted were right for the State of Connecticut and I would agree that everyone pass this Bill. It's a good Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? If not staff and guests please come to the well of the House and members please take your seat. The machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

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DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Have all members voted? Please check the board to ensure that your vote has been properly cast. If all members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Bill 5540 as Amended by House "A"

Total number Voting	139
Necessary for Passage	70
Those voting Yea	113
Those voting Nay	26
Those absent and not voting	11

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Bill as amended by House "A" passes.

{Gavel.

Will the Clerk now call Calendar Number 75.

CLERK:

On Page 5, House Calendar 75, Substitute House Bill No. 5209 AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE

INSURANCE PREMIUM RATE INCREASES.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey you have the floor, sir.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Question is on the Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill. Will you care to remark, sir?

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker the Clerk has an Amendment LCO 5352. I would ask the Clerk to call the Amendment and I be granted leave to the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO 5352 which will be designated House Amendment "B".

CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule "B" LCO No. 5352 offered by Representative Currey, Representative

Vail et al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Any objection, hearing none, Representative Currey you have the floor, sir.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker the Strike-All Amendment before you today provides a \$12.00 dollar surcharge on all homeowners insurance policies with a ten year sunset to be deposited into an established Healthy Homes Fund that not only provide piece of mind for the homeowners impacted by the crumbling foundation epidemic in the Northeast part of Connecticut but it is also going to aid in reducing health and safety hazards such as lead, radon, and other home containment issues as well as provide relief to homes that are sinking in a neighborhood in New Haven and I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Question is on Adoption of House Amendment Schedule "B". Will you care to remark further on the Amendment? Representative Sampson you have the

floor, sir.

REP. SAMPSON (80TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Just a few questions to the proponent of the Amendment before us if I could?

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Please proceed, sir.

REP. SAMPSON (80TH):

First thing just looking at the new Section 1 and understand this is a Strike-All Amendment that essentially replaces the entire language of the underlying Bill which formerly had to do with long-term care insurance premium rate increases and now is this new language which, if I am correct, essentially would apply a \$12.00 dollar surcharge to each homeowners insurance policy sold or delivered in Connecticut for the purpose of setting up a fund to take care of crumbling foundations in Eastern Connecticut and the other items mentioned by the proponent, is that correct?

Through you, Mr. Speaker?

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Through you Mr. Speaker.

Yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Sampson.

REP. SAMPSON (80TH):

I purpose today Mr. Speaker is to just do a little fact finding to make sure what exactly we are voting on. So just a couple of more questions, it mentions in Section 1 each policy of homeowners insurance but I am hoping the good gentleman who is bringing out the Amendment can tell me what forms of homeowners insurance this applies to. Whether this just your traditional single family H03 special form homeowners insurance policy or does it apply to other forms like basic form insurance in H01 or dwelling fire insurance which some folks might have on a property they rent out, does it apply to anything more than residential dwellings that are one to four families, does it include commercial, what exactly is defined as homeowners insurance as

far as this language?

Through you Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Through you Mr. Speaker.

It would cover all eight of the HOs.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Sampson.

REP. SAMPSON (80TH):

I am very sorry, Mr. Speaker. I did not hear
the answer?

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey can you repeat the answer
please?

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Absolutely.

Through you Mr. Speaker.

It would cover all eight of the HOs.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Sampson.

REP. SAMPSON (80TH):

I believe he said all eight of the HOs. So that means only residential dwellings and only owner occupied or does that include the dwelling fire policies also?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

It does not include those.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Sampson.

REP. SAMPSON (80TH):

And how about condo unit owner policies?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Condos are included.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Sampson.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

REP. SAMPSON (80TH):

All right, so I guess the answer is HO1 through 8 and that is interesting. I don't even know what HO7 or HO8 are. I don't think I have ever seen one despite being in the industry for some time. But for the edification of those of us, HO-1 is a basic form homeowners insurance policy; HO-2 is broad form; HO-3 is probably what most people have on their single family home that is a special form -- they call it all risk or at least they used to type of insurance. Then you have dwelling, fire policies which are similar but for non-owner occupied dwellings, DP-1, 2 and 3 and then there is the HO-6 is for condos. All of those this would apply to if I am correct. So I guess a further question is if an individual in the State owns more than one property that falls under this category, suppose you have someone who owns 10 or 12 single family homes, one that they live in and maybe that they rent out. Would that mean that they would be responsible for a \$12.00 dollar charge on each of their policies?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Assuming that they are the named on the insured, yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Sampson.

REP. SAMPSON (80TH):

Yes, thank you very, very much Mr. Speaker. So the impact of this could be substantial for a single individual if they owned multiple properties that happen to fit in this category. Is there any change in the amount of this fee and I think it is pretty obvious that it is going to be \$12.00 dollars but is there any change that is effected by the premium? I mean there are some folks that purchase a renter's insurance policy which might even be a \$100 dollar premium which seems to me would be effected by this and other people might have a homeowner's policy that might be in the thousands so the percentage of

impact for \$12.00 dollars could be vastly different.
I just want to confirm that it is the same across
the board.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Everyone would be changed the same \$12.00
dollars.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Sampson.

REP. SAMPSON (80TH):

Thank you Mr. Speaker. Everyone would be
changed the same \$12.00 dollars per policy, okay.
So I guess just moving on, I notice that in the end
of Section 1, oh no I'm sorry the end of the first
paragraph which is lines 10 and 11 I think. It
says, "Such surcharge shall not be considered
premium for any purpose" and that just -- I want to
clarify a few things with regard to that. Typically
when an insurance company bills a policy holder for

premium, they are able to charge various billing fees and I am curious to know if a billing fee could apply to this \$12.00 dollar charge.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I am unaware.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Sampson.

REP. SAMPSON (80TH):

Okay, thank you. I assume that because we are just going to add this \$12.00 dollar charge assuming this becomes law onto the premium billing, it would be included in someone's regular bill, I am just trying to find out for reference how this will work to prevent any confusion in the future. If someone has a premium that say is \$1,000 dollars and we add a \$12.00 dollar charge to it, does this mean that if the policy holder only pays the \$1,000 dollars that their policy might be in jeopardy?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Also noted in the Bill is the ability for the Commissioner of Insurance to develop regs around this issue and so I believe that would be addressed in the regs.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Sampson.

REP. SAMPSON (80TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I certainly appreciate that intention. The only concern I have and I think it is an important one is that when you say in lines 10 and 11, "Such surcharge shall not be considered premium for any purpose" I think that restricts the insurance commissioner from being able to establish a process for dealing with it as far as how it will be billed and whether or not insurance companies are in a position to cancel someone for it. I mean under the law that we live under

currently when someone fails to pay a portion of the insurance premium, the insurance company has a legitimate reason to cancel the policies. Basically it is for nonpayment of premium. They would have special rules that they would have to follow. They must provide 10-day notice, it has to be done in a certain format, and the policyholder has an opportunity to pay it. When you are dealing with this fee and saying it is not premium I am concerned that there might be a problem with being able to navigate whether someone could possibly be cancelled over this. I would argue that they shouldn't be but other might argue that needs to be collected and therefore there must be a mechanism. So I would just put that on the record as a concern. That's all the questions I have. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and I appreciate the answers from Representative Currey, it was very helpful.

I am not going to say too much about this. I stand in opposition to this bill simply because while I am very sympathetic to the problems faced by homeowners in Eastern Connecticut and those facing

the other issues in our State I don't believe this is the proper mechanism to take care of it. First off I don't know if there is enough of a pot of money that will be developed here to take care of that. I think there is a lot of speculation about the true extent of the cost of this tremendous issue that is facing our State and I don't know where the number \$12.00 dollars came from, I don't know that that is enough. I don't know that is too much. I speculate that while there is a certain number of potential cases of crumbling foundations today, once there is a mechanism and this account is established that number may rise dramatically and I am worried that we will be putting ourselves in a position to have to increase this fee dramatically.

And in my mind, the number one problem I have with this, more than any other thing is a couple of things: First, we are telling an insurance company which I know some folks are not fans of insurance companies but we are telling an insurance company that they have to do something beyond the role that they currently have of selling and providing

insurance policies to consumers, we are making them essentially a tax collector, telling them they need to work on behalf of the State to collect this money and put it in this account. And second and most importantly to me is that this is essentially a hidden tax. This is a way for us not to put an item in our own State budget as a priority, as a responsibility of the State. We could argue whether it is or not, I would say it is not a responsibility of the State either but that would at least be a much more honest way to take care of this, in my opinion. To simply add this across the board to every homeowners insurance policy in the State I think is wrong. I think it is a hidden tax and I believe it is unfair because there are many, many folks who will not be affected and others that will. The problem of crumbling foundations is essentially only an issue in part of this State. The other issue seems to be an issue in West Haven area from what I gathered. The folks in my district do not have this issue and while I am sure they are sympathetic to it also, I can't in good conscience tell them that they

need to pay an extra \$12.00 dollars in every homeowner's insurance policy they have to pay for this problem that is a very unfortunate one but does not affect them. And because of that I am going to vote "no" today, Mr. Speaker and I thank you very much.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further on the Amendment before us? Representative Acker you have the floor, sir.

REP. ACKERT (8TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I appreciate the good gentleman, ranking member of Insurance. As you can tell he knows a lot about this department and what he does and I truly look forward, you know, to working with him on these issues.

Has anybody driven around your neighborhoods lately and you see that wonderful sign out by a contractor out in the front yard and they are doing some siding on a house, somebody is updating their siding. Maybe they are doing a new roof. How about some new windows by that company, probably can't

sand a floor but some new windows on their house, right? You say, good for them. You know, they're updating their house and it is really improving it. This morning I saw one of those signs, can't say the company's name, but the house was up in the air. Oh, they're not changing a faucet. They are not changing the roof shingles. They are lifting their house out of the ground and changing a foundation, a foundation folks, \$150-180 thousand dollars, \$250 thousand dollars. Their life savings is gone. Their college fund they probably had is gone. Their 401K is junk because it is going into their foundation. I know it is a small -- I know it is an amount that some people may not want to pay but guys drive around my neighborhoods for a little while. See what the affect, not just mentally on these people but financially also, right. The mental aspect is I paid off my house. My neighbor, my neighbor, my wife walks with my neighbor. They have to take their house down, destroy it. Destroy their home. They just paid off last fall. Last fall they paid their house off, right? You look forward to

the day, "Yeah I paid off my house." Yeah, now they are hiring a contractor to knock it down and rebuild it. That is reality. That's what's happening. I had a gentleman fly up to me in the parking lot, "Don't you dare add \$10 dollars to my insurance." This is my town. The Grant List has dropped over a million dollars. We've already added it to your property tax my friend. We've already added it to your property tax because the laws Grand Lists. That is the difference. I understand it is a charge, it's a fee and it may not go anywhere. It may not pass out here and I can respect those that vote "no", I can. But I also think that we have ownership of this. We own this and I know that we are going to ask everybody to pay a little bit but this State has to do something. We started some good work. We need to start resolving it. I'm voting, "yes".

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Care to remark further on the Amendment before us? Representative Delnicki you have the floor, sir.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Good afternoon, sir.

REP. DELNICKI (14TH):

You know, four years ago as mayor, I found out about this issue and at that time it was a handful of homes. There were maybe at best 12-14 towns that had been reporting the issue. In four years we've gone from that to an estimated 500 homes in my community that could be at risk and at peril for this. We have gone from 14 maybe 16 communities to 41 and growing and we still don't know how big the problem is. What is the American dream?

Homeownership. What is a person's largest investment that they will ever have in their entire life?

Their home that is their largest investment. And here we have the American dream crumbling beneath these people. Think about that. I've talked to many of these people and they tell me, we're going to die in this home. Think about a person making a statement like that, that we are going to die in our

home because they know they can never move out and they can never get it repaired and quite frankly their American dream is gone. In my community we have a town motto, "Our Town, Our Future." Maybe the State's motto should be "Our State, Our Future." Now this bill just doesn't just address the folks that have had their American dream destroyed. And I might add just, not just the eastside of the Connecticut River but there is also homes that have been reported with the pyrrhotite issue on the west side of Connecticut River and as far south as I believe East Lime. This also addresses the issue of the folks in New Haven and Woodbridge. It may not be pyrrhotite there but their foundations are sinking and their homes are going away and their American dream is falling below them.

It is \$12.00 dollars a year, one dollar a month. And I know in my community the Grant List has gone down to the point where the average person is paying \$37 dollars extra in property tax. And no one is talking about the impact that the banking industry is going to have here but I can tell you,

we've got \$450 thousand dollar homes now that have had foundations fail that are now fire sales at \$130 thousand. So think about that, the provisions for loan losses, think about the impact that is going to have and ask yourself if banks have to raise interest rates, if banks have to encumber more money for loan losses does that suddenly become a statewide issue? I dare say, yes. This is an issue that we need to address. This is an issue that we need a sustainable way to pay for it and this is a way of doing it and I might add this idea originated with the Capital Region Council of Government when they came up with a method and a methodology for funding. Now if you don't know CROCG there are, I believe it is 39 towns that are members and their executive board voted in favor unanimously in supporting this legislation that they had crafted were we pulled out the surcharge. And I am not gonna bore everyone the names of the cities and towns that are in CROCG but you would be surprised when you know that they are as far west as Southington and as far east as the Stateline and

everywhere in between. They recognize the issue. These city and town leaders recognize the issue and that was a key piece of addressing that issue.

I ask everyone to think long and hard. If your district had that problem what would you do and how would you approach it? I think this is a well-crafted Amendment. I stand here in support of it, and I ask that everyone think about where they would be if they had this issue to deal with directly in their communities. I thank you, Mr. Speaker for the opportunity to speak on this and to comment on this and bring it to everyone's attention because this is a Connecticut issue. I thank you for the opportunity here.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further on the Amendment? Representative Dubitsky. You have the floor.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker very often when we get involved in these big issues when we start debating them, we start talking at sort of a

higher level and assume that everybody knows where we got - how we got to this point. And I just wanted to mention quickly that the problem that we are addressing is a naturally occurring element that was mixed into concrete and the concrete starts collapsing years even decades later. So a homeowner who had their concrete foundation poured would not know about this issue for many, many years afterwards. So, if people are saying that this issue rests squarely with the homeowners it is just not the case because the homeowners would not have known about this. There are now hundreds of these houses with foundations that are crumbling around the northcentral area of the state and it is not the homeowners fault. On the other hand it is not the fault of everybody else in this State either and there are people who are concerned that they will be paying for a problem that is not theirs and is not in their area. I understand that issue. However the State does have culpability in this regard. The State needs to be part of the solution. Now I agree that the State can't be the entire solution. There

are other stakeholders involved that need to come to the table and need to have skin in the game, need to put money up. There are insurance companies which have their issues with regard to the wording of the language in their policies. Mortgage companies which would be on the hook should these houses collapse. The concrete industry I believe should be at the table because they may have had some knowledge and some involvement in some of this problem. The homeowners obviously need to put up some money cause it is their house and federal funds need to be involved.

Now I am pretty frustrated that after years of debating this and hundreds and hundreds of man hours of time spent addressing this issue in various meetings we basically are back to the same solution that was proposed before any of those meetings started. This is what we started with. Let's just put a fee on insurance policies and we went through all these different possible solutions and we are back to this one. Now I very much appreciate the hard work of all the Representatives and the

Senators and all the people from the various industries who are participated in this in the meetings. I do think that that work is not done. I think we need to keep working on finding a permanent solution to this. This bill is not a perfect solution but it will prime the pump. It will start the process. It will be a beginning of a solution and it will be something that we can start with, something where we can say, all right we've got this little pool of money. We can start bringing in the insurance company, and the mortgage company, and the concrete industry, and the home owners and the feds. We can start this process working. So again this is not the perfect solution and it cannot be a final solution but I do think it is a beginning and I will be supporting it and I encourage my colleagues to do so to. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further? Representative Vail. You have the floor, sir.

REP. VAIL (52ND):

[Laughter] My mike got stuck there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I may a few questions and maybe a comment or two?

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Please proceed, sir.

REP. VAIL (52ND):

My colleague Representative Sampson asked earlier about the different homeowner policies that this fee would come out of and you said it would be - to the proponent said that it was all HO policies. Just for clarification it was my understanding that renters insurance, which is an HO4 policy, would not be included in this is that correct?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Renters would not be included in this case.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Vail.

REP. VAIL (52ND):

Okay, thank. Oh, I'm sorry Mr. Speaker. Thank you for that clarity. Just some comments you know this is my fourth session here and this has been an issue that came out early when I started this and I seen it go through this process every year since then and we started dealing it with two years ago, again last year, again this year and it's been three years. This isn't a problem. This is a crisis. Okay and I'm more than happy to invite any of my colleagues out to my area to come and see some of these houses. You know, I actually feel their pain. I am stressed out from this issue and I don't even have a crumbling foundation. I can't imagine what the people that do are going through right now. This is tough and we will be dealing with this. This, I agree with Representative Dubitsky, this certainly isn't the end of this issue. But we have to do something. You know, we have to either -- when you buy your insurance you are going to expect it. I think most people probably expected that something like this would be paid for when they bought their insurance policies. You know, these

different perils are included in the cost of your premium but the insurance companies have changed the language in the past. I don't know whether it was because of this issue or not. This issue was brought to light in the early 2000s. The State knew about it and allowed this company to continue to pour concrete for 13 more years. There is a lot more to this issue than we're talking about today. But this is one step in the right direction. Three sessions, not one homeowner has received one dollar from anybody to help fix their foundations. It is a dollar a month.

You know, I represent my area Stafford and Somers. But I have a responsibility to the entire State of Connecticut to come up here and do what is right for everybody whether it is Bridgeport, New Haven, New London, Enfield, I have a greater responsibility to the people of the State of Connecticut and I hope that you guys consider voting for this. I think it is the right thing to do and that's that. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further on the Amendment before us? Representative Abercrombie. You have the floor, madam.

REP. ABERCROMBIE (83RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I rise in support of this Amendment. This doesn't affect my community. Will it ever affect it? Probably not but I have to tell you folks we are a small State. We should be supporting each other. What is happening to these families is devastating. We've been listening to this for over five years now. Should the federal government be helping? Absolutely in my opinion but they're not. So what are these poor families left to do? So I rise in support of this and I ask my colleagues one thing, if this was happening in your community wouldn't you want the State to help you? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, madam. Representative Juelson-Scopino. You have the floor, madam.

REP. JULESON-SCOPINO (12TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Oh, there we go, thank

you. Mr. Speaker and I rise for a few comments,
sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Please proceed, madam.

REP. JULESON-SCOPINO (12TH):

Thank you. For the last several years I have been very hesitant to speak publically on this issue. When I first started here in the legislature one of my constituents came to me because his home was literally coming apart in his hands. The sun was shining through the cracks in his foundation. His doors would shut on their own and his windows wouldn't open. I took him to Consumer Protection. We tried the Builders Association. I even found an attorney who had some success in litigating these types of issues. He has since walked away from his home. At that time we attributed it to an anomaly, to a bad batch of concrete that was of course until the news broke in the summer of 2015 that dozens of homes were affected in Eastern Connecticut. Dozens have since become hundreds and it is estimated that that number could very well turn into the tens of

thousands. And today I want to share with you that I live in a neighborhood that is affected. Not only do I live in a neighborhood that is affected, I live in a home that is affected. But please make no mistake this story is not about me and that is exactly why I have been hesitant to speak about this issue because I never wanted it to seem self-serving and to take away from the hundreds if not thousands of others in Eastern Connecticut who have the same issue.

Today I am Linda Topalowski. I'm Don Poulin. I'm the Sheridan's. I'm the 635 other homeowners who have come forward thus far in Eastern Connecticut who have this issue that is literally going to cost them hundreds and I repeat hundreds with an emphases on the thousands of dollars. I purchased a house in 2012 for about \$300,000 dollars. We did absolutely everything right. We had an extensive home inspection and went back to the owners to ask for additional repairs before we would close on the house. It was meant to be a home that was filled with dreams and hopes for the future

and now those dreams are broken quite literally. In addition to having this \$100,000 dollars of repairs I need to have on my home, I have a massive mortgage and there is no way to get out. And this is the story of everyone in Eastern Connecticut. There are so many people that are going to come forth with this issue as we move forward once it does seem like there is a remedy on the future. Because right now people who know they have the issue have to disclose the issue and rightfully so. I am so relieved that the Legislature did that because how many people knew that they had this issue and sold their homes to get out so they wouldn't be saddled with the problem in the future.

As I said a few minutes ago, I purchased my house for about \$300,000 dollars. When I had the reassessment done by the Town of Manchester my home is now worth \$86,000 dollars. I will just let that sink in for a moment, \$86,000 dollars. I am fortunate that I am young, I could recover from this. I don't want to walk away. Certainly I don't want to do that but that is the reality for many and

I want to talk about not only the real cost but also the societal costs of this issue. I have neighbors whose marriages have fallen apart because of the stress endured. I have others who have been hospitalized because they could not stand knowing that their lifesavings, their entire investments have been poured into these homes. I know many others that have walked away and do you know that the banks have turned around and sold these homes to whether or not -- I certainly hope they have been knowing consumers purchasing these homes but they may not have been. So yes, while this is an issue that right is only affecting a quarter of the towns in this State, it is going to get so much bigger. We are going to see in towns like Colchester, and Lebanon, and Mansfield -- we could see it even further to the west. At this point we just don't know. And I would urge you today, for less than four cents a day, to help Eastern Connecticut. Help these families. Give them hope. Let them know that the government is there for them in their times of need and I agree with all of my colleagues who are

proceeded us, who have said that this is not the end. There are so many more steps that need to be taken but we need to take a step now and I would urge my colleagues to join us in supporting this matter. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, madam. Will you care to remark further on the Amendment? Representative Winkler, you have the floor, sir.

REP. WINKLER (56TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First I want to thank Representative Currey for his fantastic work on this issue. I also want to stress the bipartisan nature of the work on this issue. Representatives Delnicki, Ackerman and Vail have been working on this before I was even elected 15 months ago. Can you imagine sleeping when you know that your foundation is crumbling beneath you? You're elderly and planning to move near your children and your major asset is worth almost nothing. I would like to repeat that marriages and families and health have all been fractured by this problem. We had a

condo complex in town. They were fortunate geographically, they were fortunate construction wise and they were able to raise their condominium and replace the foundations and all they needed to do was assess a \$30,000 dollar fee per condo and they were the lucky ones. Homes will cost much more. By the way it is incredibly weird to see an entire complex in the air.

Homes were made with this mineral up until 2013. If you got a dry parcel with a good curtain drain the problem may not show up for 30 years. I will be in my 90s when the last home is discovered. I ask you to please vote for this bill. It is essential. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further? Representative Boyd you have the floor, sir.

REP BOYD (50TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be brief. I just want to speak in support of this Amendment. Much like Representative Winkler this is an issue I

walked into when I had the privilege of joining this house a short-time ago and I will say for me it comes down to a matter of economics. I am not generally in favor of adding surcharges to items. I am not in favor of us collecting more money, creating funds and having government involved in things but when it comes down to simply is this, is that if we can come up with something that is one dollar a month now, it may save us thousands or perhaps millions of dollars in property tax loss in the future. One of the towns I have the privilege to represent has close to 48 percent of the town that is affected by this and this is a town that has a total of 4 commercial businesses. So if 48 percent of the residences lose their property value, very quickly as you can tell the Grand List to the town and the operating budget and all this stuff falls apart very quickly and then ultimately we're talking about property tax increase, town mergers, so on and so forth. I am reminded of this issue everyday as I drive to the Capital and I drive through Representative Belsito's District, I go by

the quarry where this all began, every single day as I drive to the Capital as a constant reminder. And as we've looked around this and see if there is any civil options, if there is other ways to be able to create a fund to help these people this seems to be the only way that we can start and go from there.

The last thing I want to put out there is that a plea to our federal delegation to continue to work with the Administration and FEMA to try to find a way to be able to do this. Senator Guglielmo has often referred to this as slow moving hurricane and as the Federal Government has often done gotten involved in these types of issues to rebuild communities after natural disasters and this certainly fits in to those categories. So I thank all the people who've worked in this and thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Haddad you have the floor, sir.

REP. HADDAD (54TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of

the Amendment. I think all of us who represent portions of Eastern Connecticut know how profoundly important legislation that helps these families is. And I wanted to thank Representative Currey, Representative Delnicki, and Vail who have been working very tirelessly to find solutions for many of the families who live in Eastern Connecticut who have been afflicted with this problem. I also wanted to thank Representative Juleson-Scopino for sharing her story. It is a story that is similar to many that I have heard from my constituents. I have a 72-year-old retired teacher who lives in my District whose assessment has been on her house decreased by 90 percent and who has a \$226,000 estimate for fixing her home. She is -- has no options. She needs help. Another constituent who was happy to receive her home in a divorce settlement until she tried to sell it and found out that during the home inspection that her foundation is crumbling and is left with nothing as a result. This is an important issue. It faces hundreds if not thousands of homeowners in Eastern Connecticut.

It will impact our Municipal Grand Lists. And I thank those who have worked on this Legislation and anticipate thanking the members of this Chamber for passage of this Legislation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Representative Belsito you have the floor, sir.

REP. BELSITO (53RD):

Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the proponent of the Bill and then I have a follow-up.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Please proceed, sir.

REP. BELSITO (53RD):

For the proponent of the Bill. How many insurance policies in this State is this \$12.00 dollars going to effect?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Through you.

I think the estimated number of homes that we discussed about 900,000 homes in this State.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Belsito.

REP. BELSITO (53RD):

Thank you Mr. Speaker. I just have a few things to say. I live in the heart of this major catastrophe that is going on. I've been to many houses for the past four years where people are literally crying because they cannot get help. Crying, I am not kidding you. These people are devastated. They have -- they are losing their homes and here we are, we are talking about 900,000 so let's say we're gonna get close to \$10 million dollars a year out of 900,000. Well we have a major, major problem here in the Insurance Capital of the World. The body that could have helped us help these families in this State, the Insurance Capital State are doing absolutely zero, nothing, nada. It is time for them to step up and start

helping. I've done many proposals. I've even done proposals on how to fix a home for a lot less money. But the major problem here is not fixing - it is fixing the homes but it is the insurance companies of our State who opted out in 2002 and 2003, took their policies wrote this out and said that they would not be covering this. They would not cover a crumbling foundation even though it was in their policies and they were lead to do this by our State. They did not do this alone although I can't find the information as to who they conspired with but there was something was going on where they unilaterally wrote this out. It hurt all the people, thousands of people and now we are going to fix it with \$12 million dollars a year. That is going to help. One of my proposals was that the insurance companies should pay a minimum of 25 percent, 25 percent. The people who have homes that are being destroyed by the foundations have got a cut in their taxes. That fund, the funds that they're saving should go into a savings account and that should be used to pay the bill. But the main thing here is the insurance

company should be put up to pay a minimum of 25 percent. And there are other ways to fix the foundations and we're not looking at 'em. We have to get those fixed.

So once again I'm appealing to everybody to keep this in mind. It is the insurance company that has to be made -- has to be held liable for this. They have not stepped up and we have thousands of people who are hurt. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further? Representative Ferraro you have the floor, sir. Representative Currey.

REP. CURREY (11TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker I would ask that the vote be taken by roll call.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Any objection with the role be taken? All those in favor of the roll call [Laughter]. Those against [Laughter]. The vote will be taken by role. Are there any other remarks? Hearing none, will staff and guests come to the well of the House,

member please take your seat, the machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll, members to the Chamber. The House of Representatives is voting by roll, members to the Chamber.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Have all members voted? Please check the board to ensure that your vote has been properly cast. If all members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

Representative Verrengia for what purpose do you rise?

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH):

Mr. Speaker I rise in favor of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Verrengia in the affirmative.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Morin for what purpose do you rise? Representative Perillo.

REP. PERILLO (113TH):

Mr. Speaker I wish to be recorded in the negative.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Perillo in the negative. Representative Sanchez.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Mr. Speaker, I want to be recorded in the -- I'm for it [Laughter]. Yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Sanchez in the affirmative. Representative O'Neill.

REP. O'NEILL (69th):

Thank you Mr. Speaker. I pushed the wrong button, I would like to be recorded in the negative.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

O'Neill in the negative.

Will the Clerk please take the tally.

CLERK:

We're trying.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Lemar for what purpose do you rise? REP. LEMAR (96TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I cast my vote in the affirmative.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Lemar in the affirmative. Would the Clerk for the third time please take the tally.

CLERK: We're trying. [Laughter]

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Would the Clerk please announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Amendment "B"

Total number Voting	140
Necessary for Adoption	71
Those voting Yea	99
Those voting Nay	41
Those absent and not voting	10

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Amendment is adopted. [Gavel] Will you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? Do you care to remark further on the Bill as amended, it not staff and guests please come to the well of the House, member please take your seat, the machine will be open. [Ringling]

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by role, members to the Chamber. The House of Representatives is voting by role, members to the Chamber.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Have all the members voted? Please check the board to ensure that your vote has been properly cast. If all members have voted the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Bill 5209 as Amended by House "B"

Total number Voting	139
Necessary for Passage	70
Those voting Yea	97
Those voting Nay	42
Those absent and not voting	11

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Bill as amended passes [Gavel].

Will the Clerk please call Calendar No. 318

CLERK:

On Page 20, Calendar 318, Substitute House 5446
AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS TO
THE EDUCATION STATUTES. Favorable Report of Joint
Standing Committee on Education.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Distinguished gentleman of the 18,
Representative Fleischmann, you have the floor, sir.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Thank you to our Distinguished Speaker of the
House of New Haven. I move Acceptance of the Joint
Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the
Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The question is on Acceptance of the Joint
Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the
Bill. Representative Fleischmann.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As entitled, the
measure before us is an Act Concerning Minor
Revisions and Additions to the Education Statutes.
The Bill in file copy would extend Youth Service
Bureau grant eligibility to business who applied for

grants in FY-18, would add Connecticut Safe Haven Law to require public school program of instruction and would require the State Department of Ed to identify effective truancy intervention models.

Mr. Speaker the Clerk is in possession of an Amendment LCO 4846. I ask the Clerk to please call and I be given permission to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO 4846 which will be designated House Amendment "A".

CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule A LCO 4846 offered by Representative Fleischmann, Representative Lavielle.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Any objections? Hearing none, Representative Fleischmann you have the floor, sir.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment before us quite simply would strike Section 1 from the Bill eliminating the fiscal note and would also ensure

that we have a study of summer learning programs using a group that already is in Statute. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Question is on Adoption of House Amendment "A".
Will you remark further on the Amendment?
Representative Lavielle you have floor, madam.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I rise in strong support of the Amendment. The extent and the content and the funding of after school programs is very important to all of our districts and this gives us a way without any fiscal note to approach this seriously and ensure that it gets the attention of the State Department of Education. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, madam. Will you care to remark further? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor signify by saying "Aye."

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Those opposed "Nay". The Aye's have it. The Amendment is adopted. Do you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? Representative Fleischmann you have the floor, sir.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Thank you Mr. Speaker. The Clerk is in possession of Amendment LCO 5067. I ask the Clerk please call and I be given permission to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Would the Clerk please call LCO 5067 which will be designated House Amendment "B".

CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule "B" LCO No. 5067 offered by Representative Aresimowicz, Representative Fleischmann.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Representative seeks leave of Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Are there any objections? Hearing none Representative Fleischmann please proceed.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Amendment now before us would simply pushback by one year the timeframe over which the technical high school system becomes an independent agency. This was recommended by the State Department of Education due to the potential major costs that would be associated with such a change if we did not push it back. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Question is on Adoption of House Amendment "B".
Would you remark further on the Amendment?
Representative Lavielle you have the floor, madam.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I support this Amendment not only because of the cost issue but because frankly I don't think that the technical high schools are ready yet for this change. All the presentations that I have seen in the past several months have convinced me that there is still some work to do so I very strongly urge everyone to support this. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, madam. Will you care to remark further on the Amendment? If not let me try your minds. All those in favor signify by saying "Aye."

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Any Nays? The Ayes have it. The Amendment is adopted. [Gavel] Will you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? Representative Fleischmann.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Clerk is in possession of Amendment LCO 5106. I ask the Clerk please call and I be given permission to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Would the Clerk please call LCO 5106 which will be designated House Amendment "C".

CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule "C" LCO No. 5106 offered by Representative Fleischmann and Representative Lavielle et al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Representative seeks leave of the Chamber

to summarize the Amendment. Is there any objection?
Hearing none, Representative Fleischmann you have
floor, sir.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Amendment would
make sure that awareness of Safe Haven Law that we
enacted several years ago and also awareness of the
danger of opioid addiction would be included in
public health curriculum and it also drafts in such
a way that there is not the cost that was associated
with the underlying Bill. I wanted to thank
Representative Currey and a whole list of co-
sponsors who helped us make sure that we had the
proper language before us. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Question is on adoption House Amendment
Schedule "C". Would you remark further?
Representative Lavielle you have the floor, madam.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of
the Amendment. These are as the Chairman says not -
- do no occasion any fiscal note. Safe Haven Bill

is a very quick piece of information that needs to be passed on and we all know how severely opioids problem is and we already have the substance abuse programs in place in our schools so this is just to be integrated and to be sure that it is. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, madam. Will you care to remark further on the Amendment before us? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor signify by saying "Aye".

REPRESENTATIVES: Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Those opposed, "Nay." The Ayes have it. The Amendment is adopted. [Gavel] Will you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? Representative Fleischmann you have the floor, sir.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Clerk is in possession of Amendment LCO 5091. I ask that he please call it and give me permission to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO 5091 which is designated House Amendment Schedule "D".

CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule "D" LCO 5091 offered by Representative O'Dea, Representative Candelora.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Is there any objection? Hearing none, Representative Fleischmann you have the floor, sir.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Amendment which is before thanks to the leadership of Representative O'Dea would ensure that a group that we pulled together to discuss interscholastic issues does indeed convene and issue a report to those of us in the General Assembly. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Question is on adoption on Schedule "D". Do you care to remark further? Representative Lavielle you have the floor, madam.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Amendment just gives the group just more time to finish its task. I support it. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, madam. Would you care to remark further? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor signify by saying "Aye".

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Those opposed "Nay". The Ayes have it. The Amendments is adopted. [Gavel] Would you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? Representative Fleischmann you have the floor, sir.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Clerk has an Amendment LCO 5110. I ask the Clerk please call and I ask permission to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Would the Clerk call LCO 5110 which will be designated Schedule "E".

CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule "E" LCO 5110 offered
by Representative Fleischmann, Representative
Abercrombie et al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The representative seeks leave of the Chamber
to summarize the Amendment. Is there any objection?
Hearing none, Representative Fleischmann you have
the floor, sir.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank
Representatives Lavielle and Zawistowski along with
the Chair of the Human Services Committee,
Representative Abercrombie for their help on this
issue. Essentially there is currently a mandate
that was pushed on all school districts requiring
them to apply for Medicaid when it comes to certain
special education students. That mandate does not
appear to be sensible for many districts that are of
small size for whom the administrative burden is
great. The Amendment before us would create a cost
benefit analysis that would free many, many
districts of this unfair burden. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Question is on adoption. Are there any objections? Hearing none, Representative Lavielle you have the floor, madam.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Again this Amendment just simply addresses the issue of giving small districts the administrative facility and ability to comply with otherwise a very onerous mandate related to Medicaid building. I thank Representative Zawistowski on her work for this and also Representative Fleischmann and Representative Abercrombie for their help and I urge adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, madam. Will you remark further? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor signify by saying "Aye".

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Those against "nay", the Ayes have it. The Amendment is adopted. [Gavel] You care to remark

further on the Bill as amended? Representative
Fleischmann.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Clerk has an
Amendment LCO 5313. I ask that he please call and I
be given permission to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO 5313 which will
be designated House Amendment Schedule "F".

CLERK:

House Amendment Schedule "F" LCO 5313 offered
by Representative Fleischmann, Representative
Lavielle, et al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Representative seeks leave of the Chamber
to summarize the Amendment. Is there any objection?
Hearing none. Representative Fleischmann.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment before
us which really reflects input from a bipartisan
group of Legislators would ensure that any student
who received a letter of admission to a VOAG school

in April does indeed get to attend such a school in the fall of this year. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Question on adoption. Would you care to remark? Representative Lavielle you have the floor, madam.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Why thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the Amendment which reflects an excellent and comprehensive bipartisan effort to resolve the issue of someone, a student beginning at a VOAC School and then not being able to continue. So it is important and I urge adoption. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, madam. Care to remark further? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor signify by saying "aye".

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Those opposed, "nay". The ayes have it, the Amendment is adopted. [Gavel] Will you remark

further on the Bill as amended? Will you remark further on the Bill? Representative Ziobron you have the floor, madam.

REP. ZIOBRON (34TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate that. I just want to get up just briefly and say I appreciate all the work, all these amendments I was doing rocket speed to keep up with it all. I just want to say one thing, you know, on this Bill buried beneath it we do have an educational mandate. I would have hoped that we would have a little bit more conversation about that, it's for a good purpose well intended but I think it is important that we make sure our colleagues are aware of that. I still will be supporting the Bill because it is an important piece of work that the underlying Bill is trying to get to on one of the first Amendments that was called of the six that just happened but I think I would rather us see a little bit more explanation in the process. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, Madam. Care to remark further?

Representative Fleischmann, you've got the floor
sir.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just very briefly I want to be clear that in recognition of the good comment from the Ranking Member of Appropriations what we are doing is we're saying that our public schools will make sure that students learn about the Law that creates a Safe Haven for those who have an unwanted pregnancy. We have had -- we've had some very frightening and sad incidents in the last few years where there were teenagers who either committed infanticide or who abandoned a child when there was a hospital literally minutes away. So we are trying to make sure that teenagers know of this law. Similarly we have lost far too many young people to the opioid epidemic and the measure before us would now make sure that there is some basic awareness of opioids that is taught in our public health curriculum. So while these are new requirements, they are modest ones that we believe will save lives and I appreciate the fact that

Representative Ziobron will supporting and I hope the rest of the Chamber will as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? Representative Lavielle you have the floor, madam.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker for the second time. I just want to again affirm that for the Safe Haven Act the information here is simply a piece of information that is transmitted. It is not a full course. It is not a program. It is simply a piece of information and all of the information is available for free. The second part about opioid use and related disorders, there is already statute that requires instruction in substance abuse and substance abuse prevention. This is simply to make sure that opioids are covered in that subject matter. There is no additional course. There is no additional material that needs to be purchased. That is why we thought it was acceptable to go ahead

and put these in the Amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, madam. Will you care to remark further on the Bill that is amended? If not, staff and guests please come to the well of the House. Will members please take your seat, the machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll. Members to the Chamber. The House of Representatives is voting by roll. Members to the Chamber.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Have all members voted? Please check the board to ensure that your vote has been properly cast. Have all members voted? Please check the board to ensure that you vote has been properly case. If all members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Bill No. 5446 as amended by House "A",
"B", "C", "D", "E" and "F"

Total number Voting	138
Necessary for Passage	70
Those voting Yea	138
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	12

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

The Bill as amended passes. [Gavel] Will the
Clerk please call Calendar No. 190.

CLERK:

On Page 13, Calendar 190 Substitute House Bill
No. 5452 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF
THE TASK FORCE ON LIFE-THREATINING FOOD ALLERIGES IN
SCHOOLS.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Fleischmann you have the floor,
sir.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move Acceptance of
the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage
of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Question is on Acceptance of Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill. Would you care to remark?

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The measure before us reflects the really thoughtful work of the Task Force on Life Threatening Food Allergies. Like the Bill we considered last year we require that all relevant course curriculum and culinary programs implement allergy restrictions and that there be inclusion by regional and local Boards of Ed in their current plan for managing students with life-threatening food allergies, glycogen storage disease in any school climate or wellness programs.

Mr. Speaker the Clerk is in possession of an Amendment LCO 5354. I ask the Clerk to please call and I be given permission to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Will the Clerk please call LCO No. 5354 which will be designated House Amendment "A".

CLERK:

LCO No. 5354 designated House Amendment
Schedule "A" and offered by Representatives
Fleischmann, Lavielle et al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

The Representative requests leave to summarize
the Amendment. Is there any objection? Hearing
none, Representative Fleischmann.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment before
us is a Strike-All that essentially keeps the
strongest parts of the underlying bill and then adds
to it and strengthens it and reflects input from a
great bipartisan group of Legislators who worked
hard on this. So as mentioned the revision and
updating of the framework for helping students with
such life-threatening allergies is maintained in the
Amendment. Under the Amendment school bus drivers
would get basic training in the recognition of
anaphylaxis and administration of epinephrine. This
measure clarifies that a child who has received a
diagnosis from medical professional not only can
self-administer if the medical professional says

that but can always carry an EpiPen always. It is my belief that that was already a right but this makes it crystal clear in the number of key parts of Statute that if anyone's child, grandchild, niece or nephew gets one of these really scary diagnoses that they not only get the EpiPen but they can carry it whenever, wherever they need do. Last but certainly not least, and the end of this Amendment we have some very clear language based upon language in our Good Samaritan Law that indemnifies any school bus driver who in the course of their duties goes and administers epinephrine to a child who is in need of such medication. I move adoption and Mr. Speaker having moved adoption I just want to make sure that I properly recognized so Representatives Cristin McCarthy Vahey and Brenda Kupchick put in untold hours on this measure. Representative Lavielle as always was extremely helpful. Representatives Derrick Slap and John Hampton provide assistance and then up in the Senate Chamber Senators Boucher and Bye were also extremely helpful. All of the Legislators who are on this Amendment put in time to

make sure that we had the proper language and that we had buy-in on both sides of the aisle in both Chambers. So I just wanted to make sure we properly recognized and thanked those excellent hard-working Legislators. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Thank you. The question is on adoption of House Schedule Amendment "A". Would you care to remark further? Representative Lavielle. You have the floor, madam.

REP. LAVIELLE (143RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, Mr. Speaker sometimes we have a problem or an issue that we all face that everyone wants to do something about. [Coughs] Pardon me. And sometimes it's just difficult to find the resolution and get it done the right way and this was one of those cases. But through dent of very, very hard work and over a long period of time, we got there. And I echo all the thanks of Representative Fleischmann but I really want to say that Representative Kupchick has worked on this issue of threatening food allergies, life-

threatening food allergies for more than four years. It's just been a real record of persistence and I mean the issue here is that with just a simple food allergy, if untreated, people can die. It is not just a case of getting sick, its death. So the idea for parents of children with these food allergies to be for any length of time at all on a school bus without the ability to be protected, perhaps in an area where there is no emergency room or EMS nearby was absolutely dramatic and so the provisions in here effectively address all of the many concerns that were raised during the work.

And I just want to say that for the training for the bus drivers, this is not a complicated medical training. We saw in the public hearing that administration of epinephrine is very simple. It's not something that involves extensive hours. The training is available on on-line, it is administered only at time of licensing and renewal of licensing and also because everyone is human there is a very important immunity provision in here for bus drivers who don't recognize the condition or who perhaps

administer incorrectly. It is a humane Bill. It is a necessary Bill and I think it is an extremely well-drafted Bill. So I do urge everyone in the Chamber to support it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Thank you, madam. Would you care to remark further? Representative Ziobron you have the floor, madam.

REP. ZIOBRON (34TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker earlier we heard about the very lengthy Education Bill with numerous Amendments. I spoke up on not being clear about what that unfunded mandate was while well-intentioned again there is a cost. This Bill is frankly very much in the same vein.

So through you, Mr. Speaker I have a number of questions to the proponent.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Fleischmann please prepare yourself. Please proceed, madam.

REP. ZIOBRON (34TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

So my first question through you.

Is reading through the Amendment it seems that the bus drivers are not going to only be charged with administrating this potential treatment on the bus but the language in the Amendment says, "on or around the bus." I am trying to understand what the intention of that language is.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Fleischmann.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

As my good colleague is probably aware a typical bus driver is not only watching all the children on the bus but monitoring them as they climb on and climb off. So I imagine if a student were to say stumble off of a bus and collapse on the ground and it was evident that anaphylaxis was the cause, we would want that bus driver to be able to take the simple step of administering the epinephrine pen.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Ziobron you have the floor.

REP. ZIOBRON (34TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And so many times as a parent of two children myself when we would attend different events being a chaperone, many times bus drivers find themselves in a situation where they're at an event at a field, at spots event kind of waiting for the kids to be finished. So if the bus driver is there waiting for the kids to be finished and they are not on her or -- his or her bus but simply waiting for an activity to finish up and something happens and a bus driver doesn't intervene is there any liability on that bus driver or the bus company?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Fleischmann.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I believe the answer to that question is no.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Ziobron.

REP. ZIOBRON (34TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So whose problem would it be?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Fleischmann.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I believe in the hypothetical I was just given, we were talking about a sporting event and as my colleague may be aware coaches and teachers typically receive an array of training regarding first-aid and typically if there is a school nurse often near a school event like an athletic event so any of those people and/or the parent of the child would I assume be expected to step-in and provide support and aid.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Ziobron.

REP. ZIOBRON (34TH):

Thank you Mr. Speaker. And Mr. Speaker is there any notification requirements for the parents of any child who are carrying such medicine to notify the bus driver so that the bus driver isn't guessing who may in fact have this issue that they in-fact have a list of which child under their care may or may not have this situation arise under their supervision?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Fleischmann.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Through you, Madam Speaker.

The measure before us does not -- Mr. Speaker, my apologies. The measure before us does not mandate that a school district provide such lists but that would be in the purview of a district to do so and certainly in my view would be a best practice.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Ziobron.

REP. ZIOBRON (34TH):

Thank you Mr. Speaker. Why wasn't that provision included in this bill?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Fleischmann.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Through you Mr. Speaker.

I would give two reasons. One no one who is working on the Task Force or on the legislation subsequent suggested it. And Second had it been suggested my sense is that we would have heard concerns about people that additional mandates being placed on school districts.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Ziobron.

REP. ZIOBRON (34TH):

Thank you Mr. Speaker and I suspect that the additional reason is because there is also a concern about privacy, medical information and the privacy of that information being shared.

I would like to know through you.

What other exact training do our bus drives, who by the way, Mr. Speaker are on the frontlines everyday dealing with children who are not behaving, dealing with children who may not in fact had breakfast. I just read a report recently of bus drivers who realized a young child's mother passed away and every day that bus driver does that student's hair on the bus. Our bus drivers are being tasked with more and more and more and so when I think about all the things that they are doing because they care about our kids I want to make sure I understand all the training that they are also receiving.

So through you.

What other training are they receiving for specifically for first aid in addition to this mandate?

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Fleischmann.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

So the question was about the training that our bus drivers have to get in order to do their job. First and foremost, of course, they have to have the proper training to have not only valid license in the State of Connecticut but the license to drive a bus. I believe there is basic first aid training that is required and then this additional training. Now just to be clear, and this really builds upon remarks that Representative Lavielle made, this is not complicated lengthy training. There is a 20 minute video and quiz that is available on-line, available to any of us but I would assume be accessed by bus company operators for their drivers that someone would take. And so bus drivers would take -- watch the video take the quiz at the end. If they pass the quiz they would be considered trained and that is what's involved in this measure and to my mind and to all those who are cosponsors of the Amendment and who have worked on it, to ask drivers to do that 20 minute training in order to help safeguard the life of a child on their bus is well worth it.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Ziobron.

REP. ZIOBRON (34TH):

Thank you Mr. Speaker. In lines 211-217 it talks about a student having this medicine with them. I would like to know if there is any storage requirements for this medicine. Does it need to be chilled, does it need to be kept at room temperature, what is -- what is that requirement in the first place to carry this medicine?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Rep Fleischmann.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

So when a physician goes and issues an prescription to a family that has a child who has one of these life-threatening illnesses, all the instructions are given to the family regarding not only proper usage of the EpiPen but its storage. It is my understanding that by day it is perfectly

acceptable for a child to carry an EpiPen on their person or in a backpack or wherever and then by night I believe they store it in the refrigerator. But all of the children I know who have to deal with this ongoing challenge simply keep an EpiPen in their backpack or on their person in order to maintain their safety and the language that my good colleague has pointed to makes it clear that any child who has gotten such prescription will always have the right to carry the EpiPen.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Ziobron.

REP. ZIOBRON (34TH):

Thank you Mr. Speaker. I'm glad to hear that because it has been my understanding that there were potentially storage concerns. You talk about students having certainly they should be able to protect themselves, so is there any age limit to how old a student could be? For instance we have many preschoolers who are on our bus systems all over the State, I am not sure if they understand that their

allergy maybe life-threatening. How do we deal with young, young children who might not understand the hazard of carrying a sharp instrument like that and dealing with that? Is there any age limitations or requirements in the underlying bill?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Fleischmann.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I thank the good Representative for question and I want to say this issue was something that was discussed by those of us crafting this language. So there are children who are so young that they administered -- they are told that they need to have an EpiPen but they are not quite old enough to self-administer. There is not a danger from the EpiPen because it does not have a protruding needle at all times. EpiPens are designed to simply be little cartridges that only have the needle protrude when utilized. So there is no danger of a child of any age getting stuck by one of these things

accidentally unless they go ahead and follow the directions to inject. The language that we crafted makes sure that if a child is old enough to self-administer they can carry and if they are too young to self-administer they can still carry the EpiPen. The EpiPen doesn't pose a danger to any child. In fact if you or I were to be accidentally injected by an EpiPen all that would happen would probably be a slight elevation in our heartrate. But for a child who is suffering from an anaphylactic reaction to an allergen without the EpiPen they would die. So when we are talking about risks, the risk is not having children carrying EpiPens. The risk is that we have children who don't get administration of that epinephrine in time to save their lives and his measure before us, which has a very minor requirement of training, will be saving lives inevitably.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Ziobron.

REP. ZIOBRON (34TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I am glad the proponent talked about that measure and certainly I think everyone wants to make sure all of our kids are safe. With this kind of a change and these kinds of legislation before us, we have an obligation to ask all kinds of questions so we thoroughly understand an Amendment especially in the light of the last Bill where we had seven placed on a Bill in rapid fire succession.

So through you Mr. Speaker.

When I look at the new language in Section, starts on line 41, it talks about review and updating with the Commission of Education Guidelines for the Management of Life-Threatening Food Allergies but I also know there is many children who are -- who have life-threatening allergies for instance to beestings or other things that they might come into contact in a school day. So what exactly is the list of life-threatening allergies, not only to food but also to other issues for instance beestings?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Fleischmann.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I don't know.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Ziobron.

REP. ZIOBRON (34TH):

Thank you. So are we only identifying nuts, tree nuts, what are within the food allergies are we identifying as life-threatening so that we can make sure our Boards of Education provides that detailed information to our critical bus drivers who are really doing so much for our children across the State.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Fleischmann.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

I believe that the Department of Public Health and medical professionals have a long list of

allergies to various foods where if someone has this severe enough allergy there is a danger of their esophagus closing, their air passages closing and of their not being able to breathe and go on living due to anaphylaxis so this measure does not go ahead and spell out that list because experts at the Department of Public Health and experts in medicine are constantly updating it and I believe that the intention of the measure before us is to make sure that the State Department of Education guidelines reflect the latest up-to-date scientific analysis of such a list.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Ziobron.

REP. ZIOBRON (34TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I am curious, it doesn't talk about what would happen if something, if some lifesaving measure wasn't provided. Is there is penalty or something in this Amendment that would apply after this training is given to our bus drivers after it has

been posted on the internet websites if something were to happen through no-fault of a bus drivers training, maybe he or she doesn't recognize -- didn't recognize, maybe they weren't in the vicinity when the attack began, what is the consequence if in fact something were to happen and no lifesaving treatment was administered?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Fleischmann.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So I would direct my good colleague to the language at the very end of this Amendment in lines 383 through 396. That language is drawn from our Good Samaritan Statue and it makes it clear that unless someone does something that is grossly or willfully negligent there is absolutely no liability and I think that language which we have had in place for many years, for all sorts of acts of Good Samaritanship speaks for itself.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Ziobron.

REP. ZIOBRON (34TH):

Perfect, thank you so much and I thank my good friend for pointing that out to me. I am familiar with that language in one way because in my district I have had numerous NARCAN training for my constituents and so it is important to have that Good Samaritan clause. But speaking of NARCAN I would like to know why NARCAN wasn't something that was talked about as we know that is the number one thing that is killing our kids across Connecticut and the nations so did the Task Force or the people who put together this Amendment think about potentially also including NARCAN training for our bus drivers?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Fleischmann.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

So I concur that being able to administer

NARCAN is similar in some respects but the Task Force that came forward with recommendations was a Task Force that was comprised of people who are focused on addressing these challenges faced by children in our public school system who have life threatening food allergies. So the question went outside the ambit of the responsibilities of the Task Force I certainly would be happy to work with my good colleague in the next session to add NARCAN as an item that bus drivers and others associated with the kids who might be in danger are able to administer. To my knowledge it is not really an issue for elementary school aged kids but it may be at this point in our high schools and I would be happy to address it in the future.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Ziobron.

REP. ZIOBRON (34TH):

Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. If I have the good pleasure from my constituents that they are willing to send me up to this beautiful building for

another term, I will definitely take up the good Chairman of the Education Commanding Officer on that offer. Lastly, you know, when I look at the budget one of the things that my community is very frustrated with is the fact that the budget several years ago eliminated all public transportation funding but we still have tax dollars being spent for magnet school transportation so does this language get to all bus drivers not just public school bus drivers but magnet school bus drivers and others who actually are getting assistance from tax payers in the magnet school system unlike those in the public school system?

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Fleischmann. Chamber will stand-at-ease. Chamber will come back to order.

Representative Fleischmann.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to make sure I was citing the proper section of this Amendment. So I would point my good colleague to

line 76 of the Amendment before us which defines bus drivers and it covers all bus drivers for schools in our State so that would mean public and private, magnet and non-magnet.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Ziobron.

REP. ZIOBRON (34TH):

Thank you so much. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker that's all the questions I have now and I do very much appreciate the good Chairman of the Education Committee for answering them in a very thoughtful manner. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Thank you. Would you care to remark further? Representative Porter you have the floor, madam. No? Okay. [Laughter] Representative Srinivasan you have the floor, sir.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the good Chairman of the Education Committee, Ranking Member and

Representative Kupchick for the hard work, due diligence in bringing forward this very important and critical piece of legislation before us and I sincerely hope that it moves forward to all the Chambers.

Through you, Mr. Speaker, just a few questions of clarification to the good Chairman of the Education Committee.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Please proceed, sir.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

If a student is capable of self-administering the epinephrine would anything in this legislation prevent that from happening?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Fleischmann.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

No.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Srinivasan.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

So if the child is not capable of administering the epinephrine as the good Chairman mentioned earlier in his dialogue with Representative Ziobron because of the age and the child cannot administer, that would be the indication where the bus driver he or she would then administer the epinephrine?

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Fleischmann.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes and in addition as my colleague knows better than I, if a child has entered a state of anaphylactic shock before they can access their EpiPen they are probably not personally able to self-administer and at that point as well we would hope a trained bus driver would step in.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Srinivasan.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31ST):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

Nothing in the language of the Bill requires or mandates the buses to carry epinephrine with them.

It is only the epinephrine that is carried either by - by the student that has to be administered, self-administered by the bus driver.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Fleischmann.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

That is correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Srinivasan.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31ST):

And through you Mr. Speaker.

My final question is as I am sure the good Chairman is aware of and all of us are that administration of epinephrine is just the first step in the treatment of anaphylaxis and just because the epinephrine is administered does not necessarily

mean that the anaphylaxis has been corrected and the child is out of danger. So through you Mr. Speaker is there the next step, if it were needed, which obviously would be calling 911, transporting the child to the closest emergency room would that all be included as part of administration of epinephrine and the bus driver not lulled into this false security that epinephrine has been administered and I can continue to drive the bus and continue what he or she does on a daily routine?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Fleischmann.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I thank my good colleague and physician for his very thoughtful question. As a matter of fact the training that would be provided to bus drivers under this Bill is very clear about the fact that after administering epinephrine the next step for that driver, or any person, is to call 911 because as the good doctor has observed that is just the first step that gets a

child out of immediate danger but not necessarily out of long-term danger. So I would expect any driver or frankly any individual who has received the training would understand that epinephrine administration comes first, followed by calling of 911 and monitoring of the patient until the EMTs and ambulance are there to take said young person to a hospital where they receive all the further steps that would be appropriate for a child who has suffered anaphylactic shock.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Representative Srinivasan.

REP. SRINIVASAN (31ST):

Mr. Speaker I want to thank the good Chairman for his answers and I hope the Chamber will move this Legislation forward.

Through you.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Thank you, sir. Do you are to remark further?
Representative Kupchick you have the floor, madam.

REP. KUPCHICK (132ND):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't have any questions but I do just like to make a couple of comments. I realize a lot of members have questions about this Bill, it's new. It is a whole array of different ideas that maybe not a lot of people are used to hearing about. However we have children everyday who could die simply by being exposed to an allergen. I am not saying they could get hurt or they could be hospitalized, I am saying they could die. It is a civil right to be able to access education, to be able to go to and from school in a safe way. A child who uses a wheelchair is afforded that accommodation, a child with a physical disability. Children with life-threatening food allergies also should be afforded that right to be able to be transported to and from school in a safe way. We are not asking for anything outrageous. We are asking for a bus driver, who by the way is transporting children. They are not transporting produce, they are transporting children. To take a 15 to 20 minute video and to be able to administer a

life-saving procedure, not a medical procedure, a simple procedure. I understand change is difficult but honestly parents who have children with life-threatening food allergies are terrified every single day that their children are not going to come home from school. And I am hoping that my colleagues can understand that yes, sometimes things are a little difficult and sometimes we have to do things that we feel maybe a mandate but when it comes to the lives of children I think that is what we should be doing. Right now we have 169 towns with totally different policies, totally different policies on how we handle life-threatening food allergies in their schools. People who serve on boards of education, even myself, a layperson was developing policies on life-threatening food allergies. They should be evidence based. They should be based on the Center of Disease Control and not by laymen. Most school districts already do it but this would just codify it.

I would just like to thank my colleague Representative Vahey for following me on this

journey. You know, I asked her to come on when she first got elected to help me with this issue and also Representative Fleischmann who really went above and beyond to help us with this issue as well. Each of us I think in this room probably have a child, or two, or ten or more in their districts who would be so appreciative to be able to be afforded this simple, simple civil right. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Thank you, madam. Do you care to remark further? Representative McCarthy Vahey you have the floor, madam.

REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I rise for comments on the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Please proceed, madam.

REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY (133RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a few short comments, I will echo the thanks to all the bipartisan support that has been on this bill, the

advocates, the Co-Chairs of the Task Force and I'll point out that even in this Chamber the prevalence of food allergies among members and family members is probably similar to what it is in the rest of society, one in thirteen. The seriousness of this issue is huge and when I yesterday took the training for the EpiPen I learned that it is Epi first, Epi fast even before calling 911. So this Bill is designed to save student's lives and to protect all those with life-threatening food allergies. I urge your support.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Thank you, madam. Would you care to remark?
Representative Wilms. You have the floor, sir.

REP. WILMS (142ND):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll be brief. My son has had a peanut allergy all 32 years of his life and we've had 20 years of experience with EpiPens and I can assure this Chamber that the good Chairman's comments on what EpiPens are all about and how they are not a risk to others is absolutely the case. Growing up as a kid nobody had peanut

allergies, everyone ate peanut butter and jelly sandwiches at school and now all of a sudden here we are and it seems like this allergy is getting worse, and worse and worse so I am a strong supporter of this Bill and I urge my colleagues to do the same. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further on the Amendment before us? Representative Buckbee you have the floor.

REP. BUCKBEE (67TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a couple of quick comments, I know we have been talking about this for a while but I have a dear friend of mine back home with two boys, with severe, severe allergies. When I mentioned this Bill coming up she was in tears thanking me for putting this little bit forward. Now when I ran for office the biggest thing I said was common sense is what should dictate in this House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

[Gavel] Representative Buckbee is trying to

remark on this Bill. Can you please carry-on your conversations to a low if not take your conversation outside of the Chambers? Thank you. Representative Buckbee you have the floor, sir.

REP. BUCKBEE (67TH):

Thank you Mr. Speaker. Very briefly, common sense legislation should be what dictates us here. I am not a big fan of mandates but I am a big fan of this Bill. This is going to save lives. This is very important. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Thank you, sir. Representative Wood you have the floor, madam.

REP. WOOD (141ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I also too have just a couple of brief comments. I stand in strong support of this legislation. It is common sense and I don't think that any of us have any idea what's it like to have a child with life-threatening illnesses or allergies unless you have one. So my question is back to Representative Ziobron on the kids, the parents can tell the bus driver what the student's

allergy is and can divulge it and that way the privacy is not violated in any way of I think people should know that. Stand in strong support and I urge the Chamber to join us. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Thank you madam. Would you are to remark further on the Amendment? Representative Skulczyk you have the floor, sir.

REP. SKULCZYK (45TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just quickly we've heard a lot of good conversations, concerns of mandates - get it, totally get it as you know, none of us want to over mandate but this is simple. I have a nephew who also has a peanut allergy and I can tell you going back to seven years ago when we flew to Disney, they have a policy on their planes where you make them aware of the person with an allergy they actually clean the plane, they make it safe so that child can safely travel or that person. This is a make sense Bill as my friend Bill Buckbee said. This is just common sense. We are protecting children. The cost of 20 minutes of training,

really? It is a good Bill, it should pass. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Thank you, sir. Would you care to remark further? Representative Devlin you have floor, madam.

REP. DEVLIN (134TH):

Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just briefly as well, I do rise in support of this Bill. I want to support of colleagues Representative Kupchick and McCarthy Vahey for the strong work they've done on this. In the public hearing before the Education Committee I had the opportunity to bring up a father from West Hartford whose daughter had just, in January, been diagnosed with peanut allergies, life-threatening peanut allergies and while he came to give some very rationale testimony, broke down in tears because the reality of this is that his child was not protected, was at home, was at school but was at risk. This is really an important life-saving matter -- move. I do support it and I encourage everybody to do the same. Thank you so much.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Thank you, madam. Care to remark further on the Amendment before us? If not let me try your minds. All those in favor signify by saying "aye."

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95th):

Those against, "nay" the ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. [Gavel] Will you remark further on the Bill as amended? Will you remark further on the Bill as amended? If not staff and guest please come to the well of the House. Members please take your seat, the machine will be open.

[Ringing]

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by role, members to the Chamber. The House of Representatives is voting by role, members to the Chamber.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Have all members voted? Have all members voted? Please check the board to ensure that your

vote has been properly cast. If all members have voted the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally?

CLERK:

House Bill 5452 as amended by House "A"

Total number Voting	135
Necessary for Passage	68
Those voting Yea	125
Those voting Nay	10
Those absent and not voting	15

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Bill as amended passes [Gavel]. Would the Clerk please call Calendar No. 364.

CLERK:

On Page 25, Calendar 364, Substitute House Bill No. 5574 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FAILURE TO FILE FOR CERTAIN GRAND LIST EXEMPTIONS. Favorable Report of Joint Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Rojas.

REP. ROJAS (9TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The question is on Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill. Would you care to remark, sir.

REP. ROJAS (9TH):

Thank you Mr. Speaker, the Clerk is in possession of an Amendment LCO 5286. I ask that he call the Amendment and I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO No. 5286 which will be designated House Amendment "A".

CLERK:

House "A" LCO 5286 offered by Representative Rojas, Representative David.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Is there any objection?

Hearing none, Representative Rojas you have the floor, sir.

REP. ROJAS (9TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is our annual validator Bill. What the Amendment does is add a number of approving provisions for validation purposes, I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Question is on adoption on House Amendment "A".
Would you remark further on the Amendment?
Representative Davis you have the floor.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in support of the Amendment. As the kind Chairman mentioned this does add a few more failure to file areas as well as some sections of other Bills that have passed through Committee with support of both parties and I encourage its adoption. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Would you care to remark further? Would you care to remark further? If not staff and guests come to the well of the House and

members -- Oh, the voice vote. Ha-ha, see we're trying to move too quickly that's what happened. If there is no further remarks all those in favor signify by saying "aye."

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Those against, "nay", the ayes have it, the Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Do you remark further on the Bill as amended? Would you remark further on the Bill as amended? If not, staff and guests please come to the well of the House. Members please take your seats, the machine will be open [Ringing].

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll, members to the Chamber. The House of Representatives is voting by roll, members to the Chamber.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Have all members voted? Please check the board to ensure that your vote has been properly cast. If

all members have voted the machine will be locked
and the Clerk will take a tally.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally?

CLERK:

House Bill 5574 as amended by House "A"

Total number Voting	133
Necessary for Passage	67
Those voting Yea	133
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	17

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Bill as amended passes [Gavel].

Representative Davis you have the floor, sir.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Good afternoon, sir.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

I rise for the purpose of an introduction.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Please proceed.

REP. DAVIS (57TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am joined her by my daughter Evelyn, making her third appearance here at the State Capital here today and I am also joined by my beautiful wife Emily and my in-laws Mark and Maryann Simmons of Broad Brook and she just wanted to come and say hello. She has been waiting to come to the palace as she calls it for a number of days here so it is always great to have her come and join me here at the Capital.

REPRESENTAVIES:

[Applause and cheering].

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, Evelyn for letting daddy come to the place with us [Laughter]. Thank you.

Representative Betts you have the floor, sir.

REP. BETTS (78TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to her benefit, would you like to tell her that she is going to see her daddy for dinner tonight? [Laughter/applause].

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

That means we're going home early today.

[Applause] All right lets return to the Call of the

Calendar. Would the Clerk please call Calendar No. 298.

CLERK:

On Page 19, Calendar 298, Substitute House Bill 5163 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES. Favorable Report of Joint Standing Committee on Public Health.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Steinberg you have the floor, sir.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Happy Cinco de Mayo and Derby Day to you. This is, let's start by I move for Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Question is on Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill. Would you care to remark, sir?

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is the annual

tradition of a large Public Health Revisions Bill which includes a number of technical changes, updating of statutes and definitions -- this is a full disclosure. It also contains a number of Bills that were passed through the Public Health Committee and we will get into some detail but before that Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has an Amendment LCO 5370. I would ask the Clerk to please call the Amendment and that I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO No. 5370 which will be designated House Amendment "A".

CLERK:

House "A" LCO 5370 offered by Representative Steinberg, Senator Gerratana et al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

The Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Is there any objection? Hearing none, Representative Steinberg you have the floor, sir.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Amendment

updates, it is the latest version making the technical changes to which I previously referred and just to elaborate a little further on the Public Health Bills that are now also embedded within this it does include the legal guardianship to get an active paternity form, allows health care districts to join one another, requires water companies to do an asset management plan. It strengthens the requirements for massage therapists. It limits the use of the term Director of Physical Therapy unless they are licensed. Requires educational materials be created on amniotic fluid embolism. Allows a podiatrist to perform ankle surgery without a DPH permit but with certification by the hospital, update requirements for respiratory care therapists, for the specialized ECMO Program. I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Question before the Chamber is on Adoption of House Amendment Schedule "A". Would you care to remark further? Representative Betts you have the floor, sir.

REP. BETTS (78TH):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I am not a big fan of these types of Bills because it is a Strike-All but I must say this has been thoroughly vetted by the good Chairman and a lot of other people including the Department of Public Health. I can say that there have been some very good policy changes in here that include a lot of good Bills that we will talk about once we get to the underlying Bill as Amended. But I would ask the people support this and listen to the debate on the underlying Bill. So thank you very much.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further on the Amendment before? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor signify by saying "aye".

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Those opposed, "nay". The ayes have it, the Amendment is adopted. Will you remark further on the Bill as Amended? Will you remark further on

Bill as Amended? Representative Betts you have the floor, sir.

REP. BETTS (78TH):

Thank you very much and for the benefit of the Chamber if you want to really know a Cliff's Note version of what is in this lengthy Bill both the good Chairman and myself have a very lengthy but easy to read analysis of the this entire Bill so if you have any questions afterwards feel free to come to us. To the good Chairman I wonder if you would comment as to the need for having in Section 534-37 which incorporates a good portion of Senate Bill 403 this new ECMO System and who it benefits particularly the Children's Hospital if the good Chairman would elaborate a little bit on that please.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank the Representative for the question. This was a real learning experience for me as I expect for the good

Ranking Member. Connecticut is blessed to have at least a couple of these very specialized ECMO Programs which are really allow for surgical procedures that would simply not be possible. The patient would have no options but this ECMP Program which requires incredible training and coordination with -- for a team allow us to save lives that previously could not be saved. The program requires certain trained individuals and in this particular case there is a shortage of the perfusionists needed to maintain these programs so that the language we have before us really updates the educational and credentialing requirements as well as the procedures so that we can enable these specialized programs to continue and be successful.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Betts.

REP. BETTS (78TH):

Thank you very much for that I think the Chamber is going to be very pleased. Last year we ended up thanks to the good efforts of

Representative Fox and Representative Develin of having a lean process put together with the various state agencies who now have embraced it and frankly made it a model for the nation. One example of their good work is reflected in this Bill in Section 40 and I wonder if the good Chairman would explain the benefits to a lot of the nonprofits who asked for a simplification of processes including the licensing for nurses as well as limiting basic common things like the notary requirement.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, as part of the process that we seem to do every year, we really come through the Statutes and not only look for technical changes and definitional updates but make sure that what we dictate in Statute accurately reflects current practice and is efficient but also as effective as possible. And in this case in Section 40 as the good Representative mentions, it

eliminates the notary requirement for a licensure application to operate in an institution. You know, frankly just to put it simply, the notary requirement was effectively unnecessary given the other checkpoints within the process and just reflects the kind of logical thinking and greater efficiency that we see throughout the revisions in this document.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Betts.

REP. BETTS (78TH):

And thank you and rather than go through all the Sections and again I encourage anybody to approach us if you want to have any questions about this, my last one pertains to an issue that is of great importance to a lot of folks dealing with privacy and I wonder if the good Chairman would address the issue of personnel records held by DHP in Sections 2 and 3.

Through you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Betts. Representative
Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the
Representative brings up a very good point. We had
a lot of conversations in this particular session
about health care data and privacy. It is something
that is very important to us and protecting it.
We've gone through the Statutes and we noticed in a
number of cases while we want to facilitate FOI as
necessary that we also want to protect data wherever
we can and the Section that the good Representative
referred to is very much along those lines that data
that really should be made available is going to be
made available but we are going to protect things
like Social Security numbers and other things that
can be misused by people who would otherwise be able
to access that through FOI.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Representative Betts.

REP. BETTS (78TH):

Thank you very much and that concludes my questions unless other folks have questions. I do want to thank in particular though some other members of the Committee Representative Petit and Representative Carpino who did an awful lot of review of this and I certainly want to give a lot of credit to DPH which did a very good job of keeping us informed in a timely manner of all these very complex issues. So with that Mr. Speaker I would recommend support for this and I want to thank the good Chairman for all his hard work and the Committee for putting together what I think is a very laudable proposal. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Do you are to remark further on the Bill as amended? Representative Steinberg.

REP. STEINBERG (136TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just would like to echo the good Ranking Member's comments thanking DPH for all their hard work on this. They do this every year and it is amazing work. I move approval. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER CANDELARIA (95TH):

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? Will you care to remark further on the Bill as amended? If not staff and guests please come to well of the House. Members please take your seat the machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll, members to the Chamber. The House of Representatives is voting by roll, members to the Chamber.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

If all the members voted please check the board. Madam Minority Leader, I won't close the board on you. Have all the members voted? If all the members have voted please check the board to ensure your vote has been properly cast. If all the members have voted the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

The Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Bill 5163 as amended by House "A"

Total number Voting	133
Necessary for Passage	67
Those voting Yea	132
Those voting Nay	1
Those absent and not voting	17

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The Bill as amended passes [Gavel]. Will the Clerk please call House Calendar, oh I'm sorry. Representative Ritter of the First District.

REP. RITTER (1ST):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the Chamber for, we have one Bill left but it has been a very productive day and I hope everybody enjoys their Saturday. A couple of notes for today and Monday; there will be a very brief House Democratic Caucus immediately after this Bill. We are going to start Monday at ten-thirty and look forward to see everybody there. Have a good weekend. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, sir. Representative

Sanchez of the 25th you have the floor, sir.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just for the purpose of a quick announcement.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

[Gavel] Representative Sanchez please proceed.

REP. SANCHEZ (25TH):

Mr. Speaker I have in my hand ten tickets to the New Britton Bees game for tonight at 6:30 if anyone wants them let me know, come see me, they are free. Thank you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, Representative.

[Applause] Representative Lemar of the 96th District, sir you have the floor. I'm sorry, sir. Will the Clerk please call House Calendar 330.

CLERK:

On Page 21, Calendar 330 House Bill No 5534 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CLASSIFICATION OF FARM LAND. Favorable Report on the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Development.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Lemar.

REP. LEMAR (96TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I move the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Question before the Chamber is on Acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill. Will you remark?

REP. LEMAR (96TH):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Public Act 490 allows owners of farmland, forest land and open space to be taxed at its current use value rather than its highest and best use. However some tax assessors have been denying application of farmland classification on land that is legally meeting the criteria of farmland status. This Bill clarifies such practices as unlawful as it formally prohibits assessors from intentionally assessing land incorrectly. Mr. Speaker, the Clerk is in possession of an Amendment LCO No. 4108. I ask that the Clerk please call the Amendment I be given

permission to summarize.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Will the Clerk please call LCO No. 4108 which will be designated House Amendment Schedule "A".

CLERK:

House "A" LCO 4108 offered by Representative Dubitsky.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The Representative seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Is there objection? Is there objection? Seeing none, Representative Lemar.

REP. LEMAR (96TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker the Amendment specifics that municipalities shall not deny an application for classification of farmland as Public Act 490 land due to any minimum acreage requirement for residential parcels of agricultural use. I move adoption.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The question before the Chamber is on Adoption Amendment. Will you remark on the Amendment? Will you remark on the Amendment? If not, let me try

your minds. All those in favor please signify by --
those in favor please signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Those opposed, "nay". The ayes have it. The
Amendment is adopted [Gavel]. Representative
Zawistowski you have the floor, madam.

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Thank you Mr. Speaker. This is a farm friendly
Bill that makes sure that the farmers are treated
fairly by assessors. I recommend passage.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Will you remark? Representative Dubitsky of
the 47th sir, you have the floor.

REP. DUBITSKY (47TH):

Thank you Mr. Speaker. It is a good Bill,
ought to pass. Thank you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, sir. [Applause] Staff and
guests to the well of the House. Members take your
seats, the machine will be open. [Ringing]

CLERK:

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SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Have all members voted? Have all the members voted? Please check the board to ensure that your vote has been properly cast. The machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

The Clerk will announce the tally. Come on, hurry up, hurry up [Laughter]. The Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Bill 5534 as amended by House "A"

Total number Voting	129
Necessary for Passage	65
Those voting Yea	129
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	21

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The Bill passes as Amended. [Gavel]

Representative Albis of the 99th sir, you have the floor.

REP. ALBIS (99TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a quick reminder to the House Democrats that we will have a very brief Caucus in Room 207A as soon as we adjourn here today, also I move that we immediately transmit all Bills requiring further action in the Senate to the Senate.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Pursuant with all House Rules, the Bills are transmitted. Any announcements or introductions? Hey there he is Representative Betts and his pin on.

REP. BETTS (78TH):

Mr. Speaker I'm saddened to report not one person noticed that I had my badge on today so I am really having an identity complex. But for the purpose of Journal notation for missed votes, Representative Bolinsky missed due to illness; Bocchino business in the District; D'Amelio back in the District to work; Floren back in the District due to business; Kokoruda, Kupchick same reasons;

Representative LeGeyt attending a funeral;
Representative Smith back in the District for work;
Representative Sredzinski family obligation;
Representative O'Dea same reason. Thank you very
much, sir.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

And our thoughts are with Representative
Bolinsky, we hope he is feeling better.
Representative Conley of the 40th District, madam
you have the floor.

REP. CONLEY (40TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For purpose of
introduction I am joined my by nieces and nephews
today. I've got Jack Conley, Marie Conley and
Kiersten Conley. They were across the street at the
Bushnell at a magic show which broke just in time to
say hello to me.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Wow, that's great. They leave magic, come
watch magic. Thank you very much for coming in.
[Applause] Representative Santiago of the 84th
District, madam you have the floor.

REP. SANTIAGO (130TH):

Thank you Mr. Speaker. For purposes of general notations business in the District, this is the list: Sanchez, Lamar, Paolilo, D'Augustino, Simmons, Haddad, Baker, Perone, Riley, Reed, and Urban.

For business outside the Chamber: Juleson-Scopino, Verrengia, Berger, Urban, Rovero, Adams, McGee, Miller and Adams; And Representative Morris had a funeral. Representative Slap had a funeral and Representative Serra had family business. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, madam. Representative Albis in the 99th.

REP. ALBIS (99TH):

Thank you Mr. Speaker. I hope everybody has a good weekend and enjoys their day off tomorrow and we'll see you on Monday. There being no further business on the Clerk's desk I move that we adjourn subject to the Call of the Chair.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The question on the Chamber is adjournment
subject to the Call of the Chair. So ordered.

(On motion of Representative Albis of the 99th
District, the House adjourned at 4:39 o'clock p.m.,
sine die.)

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